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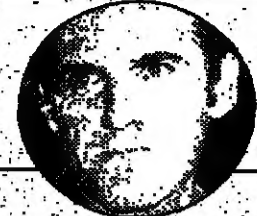
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Labour stakes £1.5bn on lost young

Jobs plan focus for party unity

Michael White
Political Editor

THE Labour leadership will stage a spectacular display of unity this week designed to steady party nerves and persuade voters that a Blair-led cabinet can provide an effective package of policy measures to rescue the "lost generation" of 800,000 young unemployed.

A three-pronged £1.5 billion programme intended to provide jobs and training opportunities for the 16 to 25 age group — and to spearhead the clean-up of vandalised neighbourhoods as an antidote to crime — will be unveiled on Wednesday by Tony Blair and his key lieutenants in the social policy field.

It comes as fresh glimpses emerge of simmering rivalries over policy battles and prestige as the prospect of power gets closer and more vocal backbench MPs voice resentment at the disciplines imposed by Mr Blair's two-year leadership.

Though designed to signal a radical shift of funds towards education and training for the neediest youngsters, Wednesday's "lost generation" initiative — entitled Target 2000: A New Deal for the Under 25s — will not embrace the wider issue of higher and further education funding at this stage.

But student loans, grants and fees will all be reviewed. And next weekend a regular meeting of Labour's national policy forum will be asked to endorse the "lifelong learning" proposals agreed between the shadow chancellor, Gordon Brown, and the education spokesman, David Blunkett.

They will include a revival of the principle of some form of graduate tax to help finance rapidly expanding options, and will be unveiled in mid-summer. As with Mr Brown's forerunner, the centre of child benefit for the 16-plus group, there will be "winners and losers" as Labour seeks to reshape public spending without rapidly expanding it.

Central to the Target 2000 package are:

- A commitment to abolish the 500 million Youth Training system in which half the 16 to 18-year-old participants currently drop out before completion. It will be replaced by a new youth training guarantee that will ensure that all youngsters not in full-time education will get training to a minimum qualification;
- More details of the welfare-to-work package which Mr Brown unveiled, amid controversy, last winter. Labour would provide a mixture of jobs and training for the 300,000 people a year aged be-

tween 16 and 25 who are unemployed for more than six months;

□ Positive proposals to prevent crime, and the drift into criminality, by enlisting young people to work on improving the social and physical environment by cleaning up estates and similar undertakings designated by Labour Environmental Task Force.

The money for the programmes initially intended to reach 700,000 unskilled young people not in work or training, will come partly from the £1 billion windfall tax Mr Brown plans to levy on the privatised utilities, and partly from abolishing IT, with up to £150 million more coming from redirected money now spent by the training and enterprise councils.

Wednesday's high profile launch comes amid renewed backbench sniping at the Blair style of leadership and gossip over tensions in his team as the election campaign enters the final straight.

MPs on both sides of the feud were quick yesterday to play down talk of a crisis-led intervention, possibly by Labour's chief whip, Donald Dewar, to ease the widely documented coolness between Mr Brown and Peter Mandelson, who chairs the election planning group.

As with John Major's team, these are not the only tensions, personal and policy-driven, in Labour's upper ranks, with Mr Brown criticised by some shadow cabinet members both for his dogged austerity over spending pledges and what critics see as the free rein Mr Blair gives him to roam across departmental boundaries to initiate policy.

"There are too many backbench MPs who feel they are onlookers required to defend policies they have not been briefed on," one Blair loyalist conceded yesterday, amid reports that the leader's meeting with backbenchers had produced a few outbursts.

Mr Brown, Mr Blunkett, social security spokesman Chris Smith, and the shadow home secretary, Jack Straw, will all be at Wednesday's launch in what will be intended to show both unity and a will to take tough, reformist decisions.

One likely victim of the need for discipline in the face of the coming Tory onslaught is now expected to be the annual shadow cabinet elections in November. A plan to stage them early in July, to avoid distracting MPs from the real election in the autumn, was ditched by the Parliamentary Labour Party (PLP) last week. Before July MPs expect to be asked to give up all thoughts of voting out unpopular shadow ministers like Harriet Harman.



The moment of fulfilment for fans waiting for the Manchester United team, with the FA Cup, during their triumphant progress through the city yesterday PHOTOGRAPH: DON MCFREE

Dawn chorus greets United's kings of the soccer double

Martyn Haisall

THE baby slept soundly despite the cacophony of whistles around him and the felt Red Devil horns lashed firmly above his ears. His granny trudged gamely behind his pram, dressed in red and white from head to foot.

It was his first taste of soccer life as the family of Manchester took to the streets with thousands of



"It's a good family day out, even just to see them go past," said Dean Harrison, an engineer from Stockport, sporting a cardboard FA Cup on his forehead. "It puts Manchester on the map and shows what a great city it is... even when you are wearing a silly hat."

Silly hats at £1 each were small change among the street supermarkets selling everything from Eric the King flags (£5) to posters from the front over a flask of silver, but the players hooted their way past local soccer shrines like Lon Macari Fish and Chips.

A massed choir, 10 deep, gathered outside Trafford town hall for victory anthems. "Are you watching, are you watching, Newcastle?" they choralled to the tune of My Darling Clementine.

Then roads were stilled, the waves of cheering rose to a crescendo and the flag

waving reached gale force. Grandparents joined children on walls and fathers shed a generation as the orange open-top bus passed through aisles of ecstatic spectators.

It lasted a moment, followed by instant inquests of who had been glimpsed. Alex Ferguson was waving from the front over a flask of silver, but the players lining each side in white looked drained, as if they had just walked from Wembley.

Worshippers gathered behind to escort the bus on its

three-mile journey south from the city centre. Their cheering and singing could be heard half a mile away.

"We're here to say thank you," said Chris Miller, a group administrator from Ascot, who moved south from Manchester eight years ago. A long trip for a glimpse of silver glory? "To people who don't understand, it probably is," said the philosophical fan of 44 seasons.

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Fertility treatment for HIV woman sparks controversy

Sue Quinn

AN infertile woman carrying HIV, the Aids virus, is receiving fertility treatment at a leading London clinic in what is believed to be the first case of its kind in Britain.

Fertility specialist Professor Robert Winston, head of Hammersmith hospital's IVF unit, made the decision to treat the woman after she was refused at another hospital.

The woman, who is in her 30s and has had the virus for 10 years, is in good health. She underwent her first cycle of IVF treatment last year but failed to conceive. She will receive further treatment if her health does not deteriorate.

The case, which is certain to ignite fresh debate about the ethical issues surrounding reproductive technology, will be featured this week on the BBC television series Making Babies.

The unnamed woman, a former heroin addict, is believed to have caught the virus from a former boyfriend. When she approached Prof Winston for

treatment, she had been off drugs for eight years, had been in a "totally supportive relationship" for five years, but was unable to conceive naturally because of damaged Fallopian tubes.

In the book which accompanies the TV series, Prof Winston says he was initially reluctant to offer treatment. There was the likelihood that the woman would eventually develop full-blown Aids and the possibility that the child would be motherless within a year or two of the birth.

"There was also a 15 per cent chance of the baby being infected, although delivery by Caesarean section and administration of antiviral drugs to the mother during pregnancy would probably reduce the risk to about 7 per cent."

"In favour of treatment was the knowledge that many people have children knowing there may be reasons why they might die in the near future," Prof Winston says.

"There was also the knowledge that there is increasing evidence that some people who are HIV positive remain so for very extended periods"

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Hospital wards like a war zone as deadly drug mix hits US streets

Ian Katz in New York

ALETHAL designer drug cocktail known as Home-icide or Super Buick has been wreaking havoc in Baltimore and Philadelphia, killing at least three people and spreading mayhem through hospital emergency wards.

The substance, declared a health emergency at the weekend as doctors struggled to restrain and treat dozens of violent drug users suffering from hallucinations, memory loss and paranoia.

Baltimore authorities say the victims swallowed capsules containing a cocktail of prescription drugs including scopolamine, a sea sickness remedy, and dextromethorphan, a substance commonly used in cough medicine.

In Philadelphia, more than 100 drug users swamped emergency rooms after taking a similar combination of drugs mixed with heroin. Many of the victims reportedly lashed out at doctors and nurses who were attempting to treat them, later becoming wildly delirious after

receiving a heroin antidote.

One security guard in a Philadelphia hospital compared the emergency room scenes to a Vietnam M*A*S*H unit, with "bodies coming in by the minute, cars zooming up, dropping junkies and taking off."

More than 50 people were treated in Baltimore, and three of them died of heart attacks. Police and doctors said that capsules found on two of the victims contained scopolamine — which quickens the heart-rate — at 1,000 times its prescription dose.

Police said the mix had been selling on the streets of Baltimore for \$6-\$10 a dose. "The bottom line is these cynical drug dealers have basically come up with a new product," Mr Schmoke said. "They're trying to determine whether people are going to die from this or get high on it. They don't care."

Also known as Super Buick, the blend which sent more than 100 people to hospital in Philadelphia last week contained cocaine and heroin as well as the prescription drugs found in the Baltimore cocktails.

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Beating the Devil with tea and sympathy

Methodists celebrate with sausage rolls and butterfly buns after 60 years of fighting the good fight on one of Leeds's biggest, most problem-beset council estates



Crumbs of comfort... 60th anniversary celebrations at Gipton PHOTOGRAPH: JOAN RUSSELL

Monday sketch



Martin Wainwright

THE Methodist Tea has a famous place in the moulding of British history, a tribute to the power of egg sandwiches and vivid hymns — shipwrecks and lost sheep a speciality — to add to the world's sum of good. Undeterred by the apathy or sneers of others, John Wesley's "people called Methodists" have given the Devil a fearful drubbing with the teapot; worldly byproducts include both the Labour Party (with a little help from Marx) and the admirable sides of Lady Thatcher's character — conviction, persistence and warmth to her personal staff. For the 60th year running, the chapel anniversary turn was bubbling away this weekend at Gipton Methodist church, a sort of Fort Apache

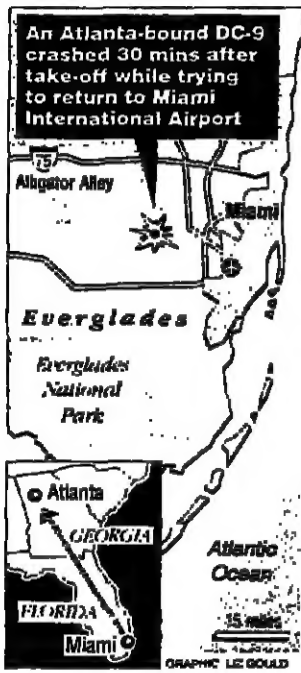
with "Welcome" boards in the heart of one of Leeds's biggest and most problem-beset council estates. Headlines a couple of months ago suggested that British Methodism might be running out of Methodists, but the buzz in the small, often-vandalised building showed slender evidence of that. "You always wonder whether people will support you, and they always do," said Mary Hopkinson, senior steward, treasurer and supreme commander of the anniversary tea's washing-up. A good omen fortified her on Friday when the builder who does the chapel's endless repairs, but isn't a churchgoer himself, called with an enormous bunch of flowers to place by the altar. "Of course, he does a lot of work for us and we pay him," says Mrs Hopkinson. "But you couldn't have wanted a better start to the weekend." Her daughter Jean, a police officer and Gipton Methodist member for 40 years, nipped into the kitchen to collect sausage rolls. "It's magic in there," she said, "the warmth of the welcome and the way everyone's mixing in." A welcome for anyone, in a world with a lot of exclusions, was the aim of Gipton Methodists in 1936, when the chapel

was the first completed public building on the estate. Stimulated families, rocked by the vastness of the "garden village" open spaces (one roundabout is big enough to house a school and its playing fields), were eager for somewhere cosy and warm. Most were Catholics, but Wesley's ping-pong and team games were just the same as the Pope's, who hadn't yet got round to building his Gipton church. The estate's builder had gone bankrupt and the roads' tar was still to be laid. "A lot of the kids brought in their own weight in mud," recalls a veteran between sips of tea. "I gritted my teeth and remembered George Herbert's hymn, who sweeps a room as for Thy sake..." Things were less muddy (but equally bleak for communal facilities) when six-year-old Anne Nixon moved on to Gipton estate after the war. Flitting the knife to cut the anniversary cake, she looks back at the turning point in a number of initially unfavourable lives. "My friend June across the road said: 'Why don't you come to our Sunday school, it's great. So I trundled along and it was...' she says. Married and moved away, Anne and 10 other friends from the Girls' Brigade (Leeds 3rd Company)

still meet for a meal out every couple of months. "The GB changed our lives. We were from very poor families, and in this building we met people who gave and gave and gave." One of them was Clifford Howden, a local JP "who radiated kindness" according to Mary Hopkinson. Unknown to anyone else, he paid for Anne and others to go on GB camp in Ilkley, a hop from Leeds but as exotic as the South Sea Islands for the children. Another was Rev John Jackson, who doubled as chaplain to Leeds United. Anne says: "I still see his widow Lilian regularly at Eiland Road. She has a seat for life just near ours in the West Stand." United's football-in-the-community officer, former player Ken Podd, is coincidentally an active churchman; and like him, Gipton's Methodists are part of the tradition of Christians getting stuck into the secular world. Steward Dorothy Keighley, demarcating a butterfly bun, is one of the Women's Bright Hour members who help at the nearby Meeting Point cafe. The chapel has given room to health visitors and backed the estate's many self-help schemes, notably the Gipsell project for getting homeless young people into "halfway-house" sheltered flats.

Illusions that you have to be Christian to do good are unhelpful, however, by memories of the man responsible for Gipton, the Rev Charles Jenkinson, chairman of housing in 1930s Leeds. His religious zeal for clearing slums (he was pictured in the Evening Post as an angel driving out rats and cockroaches) was less well-suited to planning the city's New Jerusalem. "He was a hero," says one of the old Lady Lanes, who helped move the chapel to Gipton from its former site among the slums in Lady Lane. "But one with flaws." The Methodists have abandoned the competitive edge which was famed by their legendary schemes. "That probably is the case," says Rev Keith Hunt, who looks after Gipton and its sister church at Halton. "But it is much better to work together, as we do now. Not only within Methodism but with other churches." One table at the tea was filled with chatty local Anglicans. Rev Hunt was trained by the Pentecostals, has a joint Methodist/United Reform congregation at Halton and, to top up his part-timer's stipend, runs a really ecumenical gardening business, sowing seeds as well as the Word.

Miami air crash raises safety worries



IAN KATZ IN NEW YORK

DUBTS were raised over the safety of America's booming low-fare airlines yesterday after a DC-9 plunged "like a bullet" into the swampy Florida Everglades at the weekend, killing all 109 passengers and crew. The aircraft, which was flying from Miami to Atlanta, was operated by ValuJet, a budget carrier which had been under intense scrutiny by the Federal Aviation Administration following a string of incidents. Yesterday it emerged that the 27-year-old jet had been forced to return to airports seven times in the last two years because of minor safety problems, though it passed an FAA inspection last week. The FAA had recently expressed concern over "a significant decrease" in the experience level of ValuJet's low-paid pilots, after an investigation into several runway accidents, including a fire last June that injured seven people and destroyed a DC-9. Yesterday, ValuJet's founder and president, Lewis Jordan, conceded that he paid his pilots half the basic salary of other airlines, but insisted: "I don't think you increase the level of safety by the amount you pay." Flight 333 disappeared from radar screens 11 minutes after the pilot had reported smoke in the cockpit and requested permission to return to Miami.



Rescue teams assemble on the L67 Canal Levee, west of Miami international airport, near the alligator-infested crash site PHOTOGRAPH: GARY ROTHSTEIN

Video showing disasters in slow-motion is voyeuristic, says aviation pressure group

The twin-engine jet was approximately 20 miles west of Miami international airport when it dived towards the ground at an angle of about 70 degrees, according to Daniel Muehlaupt, a private pilot who saw the crash from his small plane nearby. "The wreckage was like if you take your garbage and just throw it on the ground."

Helena Nowicka
AVIDEO showing fatal air crashes repeatedly in slow motion goes on sale today, amid criticism from an organisation campaigning for aviation safety. Air Disasters, a 48-minute tape, includes footage in which 47 people died

and an accident during a French air show in 1988 when an Airbus A-320 ploughed into a forest, killing three passengers. Other sequences in the film, which costs £12.99, show military aircraft plunging into spectators at air displays. Some crashes are shown several times in slow motion. The film makers were

also responsible for the Police Stop! videos, featuring car chases and dangerous motorway driving, which attracted the censure of police and MPs. The air film was condemned as "voyeuristic" by William Beckett, of the pressure group Scisafe, formed after the 1985 Manchester air crash which claimed his daughter's life.

"If a video is made to be purely emotive, then one has to challenge the reason behind it," he said. However, James Hunt, of the film's makers, Fifth Estate Video, said the film shows how safety standards varied around the world, and how holiday-makers could be travelling on aircraft leased from an "unsafe" area.

Dole staff fear for jobs and safety

Sourmas Milne
Labour Editor

THE Government's Job Seeker's Allowance has triggered a collapse of morale among JobCentre and dole office staff, most of whom fear it will put their own jobs and physical safety at work under threat, according to a leaked official survey. The poll of 44,000 Employment Service staff, which has been passed to the Guardian, found that two-thirds expect the full introduction of the allowance in October to endanger their personal safety and 74 per cent believe it will put their job at risk. The allowance, which replaces unemployment benefit and income support, has already cut contributory dole from 12 to six months and is likely to cut payments for up to 250,000. It will also concentrate all benefit payments in what are often open-plan JobCentres, leading to fears of increased attacks on staff. But the crisis in internal confidence goes deeper. The majority of employees believe the service is increasingly inefficient, under-staffed, badly-paid and poorly motivated because of growing stress on the job.

Michael Meacher, shadow employment secretary, who will disclose the results of the survey at the Public Services, Tax and Councils Union's Bournemouth conference today, said last night: "How can Employment Service staff hope to provide support to people looking for work, when they clearly feel so insecure about their own positions?" Mr Meacher and Chris Smith, Labour's social security spokesman, are understood to be determined to scrap the allowance. Barry Reamsbottom, general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association, which represents 20,000 Employment Service staff, said his union was up against a "hard-nosed management" which appeared oblivious to the likelihood of a resumption of last year's industrial action over pay. An Education and Employment Department spokeswoman said last night: "We recognise that there have been many changes in the Employment Service recently and it is understandable that staff may feel insecure." Risk assessment exercises were being carried out at all JobCentres to establish if new security measures were needed.

Memories of sin and swing from the ole home town

Review

Derek Malcolm

Kansas City
Cannes film festival

ROBERT Altman won the coveted Palme d'Or at Cannes in 1970 with M*A*S*H. It was his most successful film at the box office. Now over 70, he is unlikely to make it a double with Kansas City. Nor is this portrait of his home town in the 1930s — the headquarters of jazz, crime and political corruption — likely to figure as one of the year's most popular movies.

It occupies territory somewhere between the extraordinary Short Cuts and the much less satisfactory Prêt à Porter, though it does have one amazing feature — a jazz corner that seems actually to be right at the centre of its story and not merely an off-screen commentary upon it. Jennifer Jason Leigh plays an abducted white gangster's girl who thinks she can get him back from Harry Belafonte's black Mr Big by kidnapping the wife (Miranda Richardson) of one of Roosevelt's political aides (Michael Murphy). She is a movie fan who wants to be like Jean Harlow. The politician's wife is a spaced-out slave to laudanum.

They make an odd couple who in the end combine against a world that's just too much for them. There's a problem here, and it lies in the performance of Leigh as Blondie. She has neither the lightness of touch nor the charm of Harlow, and the performance seems too much like a series of ever more grating tricks. Against this tirade of mannerisms, Richardson's subtlety tends to be snuffed out. The surprise is Belafonte who plays Seldom Seen, an approximation of a real-life black mobster who survived everything to die at 38. Some of his monologues are superb and the fact that he often made them up himself makes the

portrait the more remarkable. Otherwise, the film has a brilliant sense of period, a serviceable screenplay, but a structure that, in the end, gets nowhere very much that we haven't been before. It is almost Altman's Casino. The sequences at Seldom Seen's Hey-Hey club — which include the enactment of a legendary all-night session between Coleman Hawkins and Lester Young, watched by the 14-year-old Charlie Parker — will live in the memory, perhaps because they live in Altman's memory too. As a boy he haunted the clubs, watching from the balcony where the youngsters like Parker were relegated. The rest is another ironic

Altman discourse on the basic corruption of America — a theme which goes back to McCabe and Mrs Miller and is touched upon, in this same period, by Thieves Like Us. He

says Kansas City was constructed like a piece of jazz but admits it is a hard thing to do. If he has not really succeeded, at least he hasn't betrayed the music.

Pessimistic class of '96 sees little hope of full-time work

John Carvel

ONLY a quarter of the 150,000 students due to graduate this summer expect to start a full-time job immediately, according to research published today.

About 23 per cent planned to start postgraduate courses and 15 per cent hoped to travel, the survey of the aspirations of the class of '96 found. It was conducted in March among more than 10,000 students by High Flyers, a market research firm.

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On the Easterhouse estate, residents salvage from derelict houses in an effort to improve their own council homes. Right, Hubert Kounde in La Haine, Cannes-do film about a can't do neighbourhood

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Modern tale of two cities spans hatred and hope

Erlend Clouston on expectations that have been aroused by President Chirac's impending visit to a deprived part of Glasgow



Erlend Clouston in the Scottish film Small Faces

AS the Auld Alliance over been stronger? This week a Scot represents France in the Eurovision Song Contest two days before that country's president makes a fact-finding visit to one of Scotland's most notorious housing estates.

"It's a major boost for us," said Martin Timoney, referring not to Karen Matheson of the group Capercaille, but to

Small Faces, the film about Glasgow street fighters, was to have been called Easterhouse until outraged community leaders intervened.

In his base at Bishopcleech adult education centre, of which he is the coordinator, Mr Timoney is bargaining that President Chirac's tour will have roughly the same effect on Easterhouse's disreputable image as Joan of Arc had on the French army. "Maybe this visit will get rid of all that Frankie Vaughan crap," he said.

President Chirac has chosen to come here to learn about economic regeneration, so that will prove to the world that it's now happening here.

Mr Timoney, aged 26, insists there has been an enormous change in the culture of a 40,000-strong community struggling with unemployment levels that exceed 30 per cent in some parts.

At one level, organisations with complex names like the Greater Easterhouse Community Empowerment and Strategy Project now see that there is significant residents' input into the various regeneration packages coordinated by the Greater Easterhouse Initiative.

At another, Easterhouse people have drastically revised their attitude to self-improvement.

The constable acknowledged that the Torranol and the Bartol were less vicious than their predecessors, but remained puzzled at their motivation.

"Just about everybody I've arrested for gang fighting is not on drugs or alcohol," he said, suggesting that the under-16s needed stiffer punishment before Easterhouse was really brought into line.

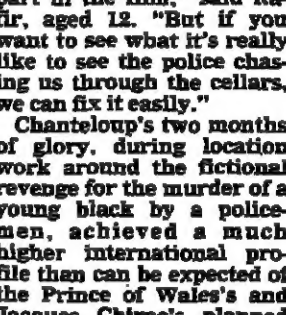
"If I'd been arrested, you'd have had to pick me off the ground. I'd have been so terrified. Now all they ask is what can we do to them?"

For Mr Timoney and others, this is missing the point.

Easterhouse's packs of the junior hoodlums are a consequence of the area's decline, not the cause of it. He will outline to the French president's entourage his vision of a prosperous 21st century Easterhouse based on the adjacent motorway network, untamed green field sites, and the untapped energies of its residents.

"There's a wealth of talent here," he said, indicating an undervalued and artistically impressive 40 yard mosaic. "And give somebody from here a job, they'll be so grateful that they will be the most dedicated workers you could ever have."

Ghetto found fame but there's no change, says Paul Webster



Vincent, played by Vincent Cassel, in La Haine

A YEAR after a film called La Haine (Hate) swept Parisian suburb of Chante-loup like a cleansing fire, boredom and depression has again settled over the high-rise estate called La Noe, the film's central location.

Yesterday, the junior football club, all blacks and Arabs, made its way home past the abandoned supermarket which figured in the internationally-successful film, winning the Palme d'Or at Cannes before being chosen as the French feature of the year.

"I wasn't allowed to take part in the film," said Rafiq, aged 12. "But if you want to see what it's really like to see the police chasing us through the cellars, we can fix it easily."

Chante-loup's two months of glory, during location work around the fictional revenge for the murder of a young black by a policeman, achieved a much higher international profile than can be expected of the Prince of Wales and Jacques Chirac's planned Glasgow inner-city walk-about this week. But it did not change much.

At the Penalty Bar, the regulars were resentful of being drawn into discussion over whether the town of 10,000 people had benefited from the film.

"We get lots of tourists and sociologists dropping in as if this was a zoo," the barman said. "It hasn't brought us work and investment, just curiosity about how the poor and the jobless get by."

Abdel Elhanou, a young electrician from the Noe estate, built for immigrant car workers in the booming 1960s and now housing 7,000 people, did not think Mr Chirac would learn much from visiting a run down mainly-white inner city in Scotland. Nearly all the problems in France were in neglected immigrant ghettos with high unemployment, he said.

"The root cause of drug taking, theft, teenage gangs and attacks from police comes from boredom," he added. "You're here, you've got nothing to do and you don't really live."

"Some of these high rise blocks contain family upon family of unemployed who've learnt that you've got to get together on a community basis and help yourselves, because it's no good waiting for a film crew or a visiting VIP to get it for you," he said.

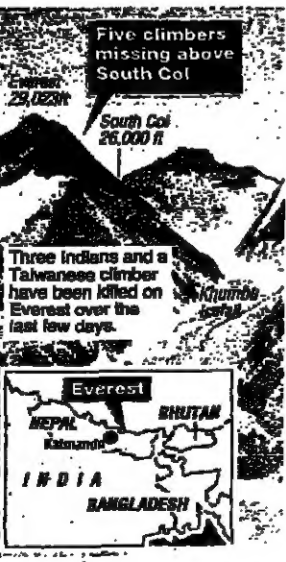
A group of youths with a ghetto-blaster offered to play the rap cassette that added to La Haine's extraordinary success. But when they spoke of events in the film, they made no difference between fiction and fact. "It's every day life here, except it happened in front of the cameras," said one.

Five stranded on Everest could bring death toll to 9

Vivek Chaudhary and Ed Douglas

TWO OF the world's leading climbers and three others who paid large sums to be led up Mount Everest remained stranded on the mountain yesterday as bad weather hampered attempts to rescue members of the expedition.

As hopes faded for their survival, it could bring the total number of climbers killed on Everest over the past few days to nine. On Thursday, Taiwanese climber was killed, and reports emerged that three Indian climbers who had reached the summit were killed coming down the north side of the mountain.



New Zealander Rob Hall, who has climbed Mount Everest five times, was reported to be stranded close to the summit with severe frost bite in his hands and feet.

Also missing is the American climber Scott Fischer, who was leading a separate team. He is reported to be in a coma, hanging from ropes at the top camp at South Col, which is 26,000 feet up.

Mr Hall was heading a group of four climbers who had paid up to \$45,000 each to be led up the mountain. They

Speaking from the Everest base camp, Lis Cohen, a member of an American expedition, said: "Right now we just don't know who's still up there. They are conducting search and rescue efforts on the South Col."

According to reports, Mr Fischer was found by rescue teams over the weekend, unconscious and barely breathing. Rescuers wrapped him up and left him with oxygen, concentrating their limited strengths on rescuing Makalu Gao, leader of the stranded Taiwanese expedition.

Latest reports suggest that Mr Hall is still alive and was in radio contact with members of his climbing team over the weekend. They tried to keep him awake until the weather improved, but it is considered doubtful that he will be able to survive the cold and altitude.

The plight of the missing climbers has highlighted the growth of a commercial climbing world as concerned that inexperienced climbers are buying their way up dangerous mountains.

This month is the peak season for climbing Everest, whose summit has been reached by 750 people since 1953. There have been 130 deaths.

Volkswagen faces £125m repayment of subsidies

Dennis Staunton in Berlin

EUROPEAN Union officials are reported to be investigating whether Volkswagen has broken the conditions of an agreement under which the German government gave more than £125 million in subsidies to the car company.

According to today's issue of Der Spiegel, the weekly magazine, Volkswagen could be forced to repay the money.

The magazine says the EU's competition commissioner, Karel van Miert, is urging his commission colleagues to demand that the company forfeit 300 million marks given over the weekend. They tried to keep him awake until the weather improved, but it is considered doubtful that he will be able to survive the cold and altitude.

The magazine alleges that Mr Van Miert has been pressing for more stringent scrutiny of German companies since it allowed its eastern factories by the end of 1994.

By the end of 1995, Der Spiegel says, only £1 billion had found its way to Saxony, effectively breaking the terms on which the EU allowed the government subsidy.

Der Spiegel says Volkswagen's chief executive, Ferdinand Piech, went to Brussels a week ago to plead with the commission for patience, promising that the company would complete its investment programme in the east by the year 2000.

There was no-one available for comment at the company's headquarters in Wolfsburg yesterday.

Fertility help for HIV woman sparks row

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Stephanie Elsy, director of Positively Women, a support and information service for HIV positive women, yesterday welcomed Prof Winston's decision.

She said that medical advances now meant there was a good chance a baby born in such circumstances would not catch the virus and that the mother could live for many years. She supported women trying to get pregnant once they had made informed decisions.

However, Richard Nicholson, editor of the Bulletin of Medical Ethics, said the decision was not in the best interests of the child. It was an "unwise and I would almost say self-indulgent use of modern technology".

Dr Nicholson added: "We

have gone an awfully long way down the road in the health service in indulging any desire that patients express, rather than trying to make our decisions on the basis of clinical need.

"I would suggest that it would be fairly easy to argue that a case like this one has gone too far towards indulgence of the patient."

A spokeswoman for the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority declined to comment on the case and said such decisions were up to individual clinicians.

The British Medical Association yesterday said it could not support Prof Winston's treatment of the woman and that it viewed the case with concern because of the danger of the child being orphaned.

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OJ Simpson in Britain faces trail by media

Owen Bowcott sees acquitted celebrity put off his stroke

AMID celebrity walk-outs and reports of death threats, America's most famous accused suspect flew into Britain at the weekend to be confronted with a fresh media row over his murder trial.

With Granada Television picking up all expenses, OJ Simpson was touted around airport lounges, West End hotels and a Home Counties golf course in advance of his appearance on a live chat show tonight.

At Heathrow on Saturday, the 48-year-old former American football star — who was found not guilty last year of stabbing to death his estranged wife Nicole, aged 35, and her friend Ron Goldman, 39 — was mobbed by reporters and camera crews.

One woman grabbed him by the collar and shouted: "Mur-

derer! Is the murderer in Britain, OJ?" Mr Simpson ignored the accusation, but a Granada spokesman claimed that she had been set up to generate controversy.

"There were two women who had been planted by a US network TV show," he said. "We are not revealing which one. Nor is it true that we have received death threats against Mr Simpson."

The Hollywood actress Bo Derek cancelled her appearance on Tonight with Richard and Judy to avoid appearing alongside OJ. The singer Neil Diamond is expected to be the other guest.

Escorted by a bodyguard and Max Clifford, his publicity agent, Mr Simpson played golf yesterday morning at Selsdon Park club in Surrey.

Asked why his blood was at the scene of the murder and

why he did not take the witness stand during the trial, he replied through gritted teeth: "It's a lovely day."

Returning to his game, he said: "I don't have very good form at the moment, and you guys being here doesn't help."

Among Mr Simpson's other reported engagements are supper with the film director Michael Winner and an appearance at the Oxford Union tomorrow evening. Claims that he went house-hunting in the Surrey stockbroker belt on Saturday were dismissed as an estate agent's fantasy.

Granada said it would be paying Mr Simpson an appearance fee of only £1. The expenses bill amounted to around £18,000.

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Passing shot... OJ in focus on Selsdon Park golf course in Surrey. PHOTOGRAPH BY KEVIN LAMARQUE

News in brief

Teachers up stakes in league table war

HEAD teachers' leaders were last night stepping up their campaign to stop the Government publishing "unfair" league tables of primary school results in the tests of 11-year-olds which begin across England and Wales today.

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said its annual conference later this month would vote on a plan to stop ministers getting hold of data on children's test performance and teachers' assessments of their attainment.

Teachers fear schools may be given a bad reputation by results which fail to take account of the number of disadvantaged children with special educational needs on their rolls. Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, warned that heads and governors had a legal responsibility to provide the results of tests in English, maths and science. "I do not expect them to break the law," she said. — John Carol

Uncle charged with murders

THE uncle of four children killed in an arson attack at their home has been charged with their murders and will appear in court tomorrow.

Fred Heyworth, aged 58, was charged with murdering his two nieces and two nephews and attempting to murder their parents and their 14-year-old daughter Kelly, who survived the blaze.

Terry Good, aged 12, Alison, aged 10, Nicola, aged eight, and six-year-old Patrick died when their home in Southampton, Hants, was set alight in the early hours of last Sunday. Their parents, Beverley and Melvyn Good, and Kelly managed to escape the inferno by jumping out of a first-floor window.

Heyworth, of Bittern, Southampton, the estranged husband of Beverley's sister Janet, was arrested within hours of the blaze at Sholing.

Labour proposes crackdown on guns

Alan Travis
Home Affairs Editor

LABOUR will today publish proposals for a ban on handguns that could remove 200,000 weapons from circulation.

The proposals have been drawn up by the shadow home secretary, Jack Straw, and shadow Scottish secretary, George Robertson, following the Dunblane school massacre in March.

The move has wrong-footed the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, and John Major, who have refused to disclose their proposals for legislation until the Cullen inquiry into the death of 16 children and their teacher in Scotland reports in the autumn.

Labour's plan will:

□ Ban ownership of all automatic and semi-automatic handguns.

□ Ban all single shot handguns and rifles which are more than .22 calibre.

□ Raise the minimum age for firearm certificates from 14 to 18.

□ Give the police discretion to refuse firearm applications without having to state a reason, and bar any appeal to the courts against refusal.

Mr Straw said yesterday: "We are submitting these proposals formally to the Cullen inquiry. We can not think of any good reason why people should own these handguns."

He was struck by the evidence from Switzerland and

Japan, both low crime countries. In Japan it was virtually impossible for civilians to own a gun while the Swiss had some of the most liberal gun laws in the world. Japan's gun-related murder rate is one-eighth that of Britain's, while Switzerland's is six times the British rate.

The package would see the most wide-ranging gun controls introduced in Britain. Chief constables last week told MPs there were 180,000 legally held handguns in Britain.

Howard renews pledge to close 'Jackal' false identity loophole

Alan Travis

THE Government is to introduce legislation this autumn to close an immigration loophole which ministers identified six years ago.

A leaked letter seen by the Guardian from Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to the Treasury shows that the "Day of the Jackal" loophole, which enables fraudsters and other criminals to create false identities through easy access to official copies of birth certificates, is being increasingly exploited.

It was dubbed the Day of the Jackal loophole after a scene in the film in which a hired assassin gets hold of a dead person's birth certificate to assume a fresh identity.

Mr Howard says that in 1994 the UK Passport Agency recorded 563 cases in which new birth certificates which did not belong to the applicants were presented with passport applications. Last year the number of cases discovered reached 738.

The letter says: "The Immigration Service estimate that in 1988 there were 350 to 400 cases of persons seeking leave to enter or remain here involving the issue of birth certificates which did not belong to them." It presses Treasury ministers to back "an uncontroversial bill in the programme for the next session".

Jeff Rooker, Labour MP for Perry Barr, said the Government first pledged to close the loophole in a 1990 white paper.

Mr Rooker himself obtained an official copy of a birth certificate in the name of Peter Lilley — to show how easy it was.

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Witnesses to get protection

POLICE in Liverpool are setting up a secret unit to protect witnesses to shootings from reprisals, in an attempt to break the reign of terror by the city's criminal gangs.

Shootings among rival factions have risen sharply since the murder of David Ungi (right) in Toxteth a year ago. But police have struggled to find witnesses prepared to testify. On May 1 — the anniversary of the Ungi murder — 49-year-old Owen Graham was shot dead in a Toxteth betting shop. Despite pleas from detectives no witnesses have come forward.

Details of the witness scheme are being kept secret.



Charred body found

DETECTIVES were yesterday trying to identify the charred remains of a dismembered body found in a forestry clearing. Initial examination suggested the victim had been murdered within the last few days. Two Forestry Commission workers raised the alarm after spotting bones among a pile of burned logs in Wentwood Forest, near Newport, south Wales, on Saturday night.

Detective Superintendent Ian Johnston, leading the inquiry, said neither the victim's age nor sex had been discovered.

Watchdog for the palace

AN EXECUTIVE director of the Press Complaints Commission is being considered for a leading role in the press office of the Prince of Wales, Buckingham Palace said yesterday. Mark Bolland, aged 30, has high-level contacts in the newspaper world and is thought to have impressed senior palace staff with his understanding of the media's royal coverage.

The move to secure Mr Bolland's services follows a series of changes in the Prince of Wales's press office, including the departure of Allan Percival, his press secretary. Buckingham Palace denies the changes are an attempt to rebuild the prince's media image. — Vivek Chaudhary

Ostrich meat takes off

AFLIGHTLESS bird will get airborne this summer when ostrich meat joins the menu on airline flights, it was revealed yesterday. Ostrich steaks will be introduced to first class passengers on British Airways North American flights from July and could be extended to other routes if popular.

Age 54 The guerillas came last night saying that here in Quinua there are army collaborators. They seized the two boys from Sabina's house. The eldest boy looked up at me as they dragged him past, his eyes great pools of fear.

We have found the boys. The guerillas had cut out their tongues and gouged out their eyes. We took the bodies back to our village and bathed them and dressed them and buried them and wept for them.

Age 57 The colic has taken my husband. I feel empty and alone. The violence here gets worse every day. I know I must leave Quinua.

Age 58 Today I flee for Lima. I don't know what will happen to me.

Age 66 Woke up thinking about my village. It makes me very sad. So far away is my little house, my land, and I will never be able to see it again.

Today My first grandchild is born. We will give him all the love he needs. I want him to have the education I missed, and the peace we craved, and the chance to make a good life. And I want him to be called Teófilo.

DIARY OF A SURVIVOR

Age 7 The crops have all dried up. Why won't it rain? Mama and papa are leaving the farm to work in the salt mines. I am hungry.

Age 14 I asked mama again why I cannot go to school and her answer is the same. "School is for boys". So my brothers go while I have to take the cattle to pasture. But if I don't learn anything, this is what I will always do, tend cows. I want to do more in my life than this.

Age 22 A terrible day. I am to marry Claudio Enriquez, a trader from our village. I flew into a rage at my father for permitting him my hand in marriage but he just looked down at the dust and said that for a poor girl with no education this is a good match and I must try to be a good wife.

Age 24 My beautiful boy is born. Teófilo. I am in pain but happy.

Age 30 I thought Teófilo was getting better because he had a quiet night. But his stillness struck a terror in me the moment I awoke and I rushed to where he lay on the floor. His lips had turned black. I lifted his limp, clammy body to me and caressed him, his hand, his forehead, his stomach. But little by little he lost his breathing. I have seen death in my family so many times but today I felt my own soul die with his. I don't want to go on.

Age 42 Such a beautiful dawn this morning. We worked the plot, me on the potatoes, silently, the children with their laughter on the avaso. It is hard work from dawn to dusk, but for the first time in four years the harvest will be good, so at least we can eat. We are content enough.

This diary is based on interviews with Agustina Gutiérrez Ramos, a displaced villager from Quinua, Peru. Her story of survival against the odds is typical of so many throughout the Third World.

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World news in brief

Greek veto throws doubt on EU talks

FORTHCOMING membership talks between the European Union and Cyprus could be seriously disrupted today if Greece refuses to lift its veto of financial aid to Turkey at a meeting of EU foreign ministers in Brussels.

There is mounting anger at determination in Athens to block the money and it looks set to cast a shadow over the two-day meeting of the General Affairs Council where accession talks with Cyprus and Malta will top the agenda.

The Greek foreign minister, Theodore Pangalos, has warned that Athens would systematically veto all Brussels' joint decisions if it made association talks with Cyprus contingent on Greece unblocking the aid.

Several EU states have warned Greece it must lift the veto to avoid the negotiations being stalled further but Athens has pledged to block the aid as long as Turkey refuses to "renounce the threat of violence" in the Aegean.

The aid includes structural funds and money associated with a customs agreement between Turkey and the EU. — Helena Smith, Paris.

Algeria unveils reforms

PROPOSALS by the Algerian president, Liamine Zeroual, for constitutional reforms to try to end four years of conflict between government and Islamists were published yesterday.

About 50,000 people have died in the power struggle between the two sides. Analysts said Mr Zeroual's proposals — sent on Saturday to more than 100 leading political figures — sought to broaden the power base of the government, while still excluding radical Islamists from power.

Under the proposals, parties would be banned from campaigning under a Muslim banner. Islam is defined in the document as the heritage of the whole society "which must be excluded from the field of political competition and partisan antagonisms".

Other proposals include the creation of a parliament with two legislative chambers (Algeria has had no elected parliament since January 1982), the introduction of the proportional representation system of voting, and the limiting of the president's tenure to one term of five years in office.

Mr Zeroual wants to hold a referendum later this year the proposals. — Reuters, Paris.

FDR statue triggers row

AMERICA'S National Organisation on Disability is protesting that a memorial statue of Franklin Roosevelt (right), to be dedicated in Washington next year, will ignore the fact that he was unable to stand unassisted after being stricken by polio.



There will be no reminder that the president spent much of his time in a wheelchair after falling ill in 1921. On the contrary, he is to be shown standing tall in one of three sculptures planned for the seven-acre site on the banks of the Potomac. — New York Times.

Record haul of pirated CDs

HONG KONG customs officers have seized 60,000 pirated compact discs and CD-Roms worth around £260,000 in the largest such seizure ever, the government reported yesterday.

All the items had been smuggled into Hong Kong from China, it added. The United States is threatening trade sanctions against China for what it says are wholesale breaches of copyright protection agreements.

Hong Kong authorities said 20,000 of the pirated CDs were found inside a truck at the Hong Kong-China border checkpoint on Saturday, leading to the arrest of three men. In follow-up investigations, customs officers raided a warehouse yesterday and seized 40,000 more video CDs and CD-Roms, the statement said. Those arrested were described as key members of a smuggling syndicate. — AP, Hong Kong.

Shoe firm to clarify past

THE SWISS shoe company Bally, accused of taking over Jewish companies seized by the Nazis during the second world war, will open its archives to historians to clarify its wartime activities, according to the Swiss newspaper, SonntagsZeitung.

"Our archives are fundamentally open for professional historians," said Hans Widmer, the chairman of Oerlikon-Buehler Holding, of which Bally is a division. He said he would also lay open the books of the machine tool maker Buehler, which was a weapons producer during the Nazi era. — Reuters, Zurich.

Back to work for old in Ukraine

WHEN Nina Ivanova opened her post last month she did a double take. Rises in the cost of the rent and bills for her one-bedroom flat left her with a disposable monthly income of £21.

So at the age of 73 — like many other pensioners hit by Ukraine's economic hardships — she has come out of retirement to make ends meet. The country's oldies are going back to work.

"I've had no choice," she said, as she laid out the neat rows of plastic shopping bags she sells at a bazaar in central Kiev. At a few pence profit on each item, she takes home about \$2 after eight hours of standing in the cold. It's not much, but enough for some basic shopping she could not otherwise afford.

Mrs Ivanova, a widow, former book-keeper and wartime survivor of a Nazi labour camp, is no stranger to hardship, but is bitter nonetheless. "I spent 35 years working for the communist state and now the new system has completely abandoned me," she said.

The collapse of the Soviet Union has not helped elderly people here. With their life savings wiped out by hyperinflation and state coffers ravaged by a lasting economic crisis, Ukraine's estimated 15 million pensioners have been left to fend for themselves.

Many retired people are hustling for a living on the streets of Kiev. At the smart Passage shopping district, Mrs Babushka has teamed up with her grandson to wash the BMWs and Land Rovers of the new rich. The proud woman had no time to talk, but her 17-year-old grandson, Ihor, welcomed a break from polishing.

"I was a little surprised when she suggested she join me," said Ihor. "It's really glad though, because she's attracting a lot of clients." The gimmick appears to be paying off for the pair, who pocket three million karbovanets, or about £10, for their day's efforts.

A daily take of that magnitude matches the average monthly pension here, according to the state pension fund. Even so, £10 does not go far in Kiev. It's enough to buy two pints of Guinness at the Karambul Pub near Passage or 3kg of tomatoes at the Besarabsky farmers' market.



Making ends meet... Tatiana Demyanchuk, aged 67, travels 100 miles to Kiev to sell meat to supplement her pension

A recent United Nations report shows that real income for pensioners has fallen four-fold since Ukraine broke from Moscow in 1991. During that period consumer prices have soared 118,000 times, says the study. One consequence is that life expectancy has dropped by six years.

"If there's been one group whose standard of living has suffered here, it's the pensioners," said Boris Najman, a French economist and adviser to the government. "It's a vicious circle. As the official economy shrinks, the government imposes higher employer retirement contributions. This serves only to drive more businesses into the underground economy. So in the end there is less and less money coming in for pensions."

Mr Najman estimates that more than half of the country's pensioners take part in some sort of economic activity to survive. Many sell furniture or family heirlooms. Some beg. Others cook and sell pirozki, a local dumpling.

But one group of pensioners least affected by the cuts is collective farmers, who have access to food. Peasant traditions run deep in this agrarian society, and farmers have always worked long after official retirement. Tatiana Demyanchuk, aged 67, travels 100 miles from her collective farm to Kiev twice a week to sell meat. "I'll never retire," she said. "I wouldn't know how."

PHOTOGRAPH: MATTHEW BRZEZINSKI

Holbrooke attacks Europe on Bosnia

re-establish a single, unified Bosnia.

In his article, Mr Holbrooke warns that failing to bring together the Serb and Muslim-held areas of the republic under a single government could lead to the "involuntary dismemberment of Bosnia", leaving a tiny Muslim "mini-state" around Sarajevo.

Mr Holbrooke complained that "a messy, ineffective arrangement, insisted on by the Europeans" had made it difficult to achieve the treaty's political goals. His attack reflects revived American irritation with what is perceived as Europe's lack of commitment to the peace process, which was supposed to

"disturbing signs of backsliding" on the implementation of Dayton pledges on the prosecution of war criminals, the return of refugees and economic reconstruction.

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San Katz in New York

RICHARD Holbrooke, the American diplomat who brokered the Dayton accord to end the war in the former Yugoslavia, has accused European leaders of failing to enforce the civilian requirements of the agreement and effectively accepting the partitioning of Bosnia.

San Traynor in Bonn

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Colonial Direct advertisement for fixed rate mortgages at 5.99% (APR 6.1%) with features like free valuation, no arrangement fee, and £500 cashback.

Advertisement for Nokia power! featuring a 'FREE 50 MINUTE CALLS' offer and a 'LIMITED OFFER £9.99' price tag.

Denying a view to kill

How to put the gun question

WHO NEEDS GUNS? The question about guns and violence posed by Dunblane and Tasmania is not going to go away. Tony Blair may be wholly sincere in proposing, in advance of the Cullen inquiry, a complete ban on handguns...

The decision of senior federal and state officials in Australia to press for tough firearm controls provides an important lesson for Britain. The point of comparison is not the actual detail of the new regulations proposed by Prime Minister John Howard...

When swift action is contemplated under popular pressure, its critics are quick to label it as unscientifically based and a knee-jerk reaction. Strictly speaking they may be right - but to what end? Dustin Hoffman quoted no statistics in Cannes on Friday when he denounced gratuitous violence in films and asked "are we really saying that screen violence doesn't have anything to do with these massacres?"

Mr Blair's initiative was being presented yesterday as an attempt to "seize the high ground" on law and order from the conservatives. It is a pity to give it such a spin: this should be an issue on which all main parties could unite.

No one's refugees

But the boat people are still people

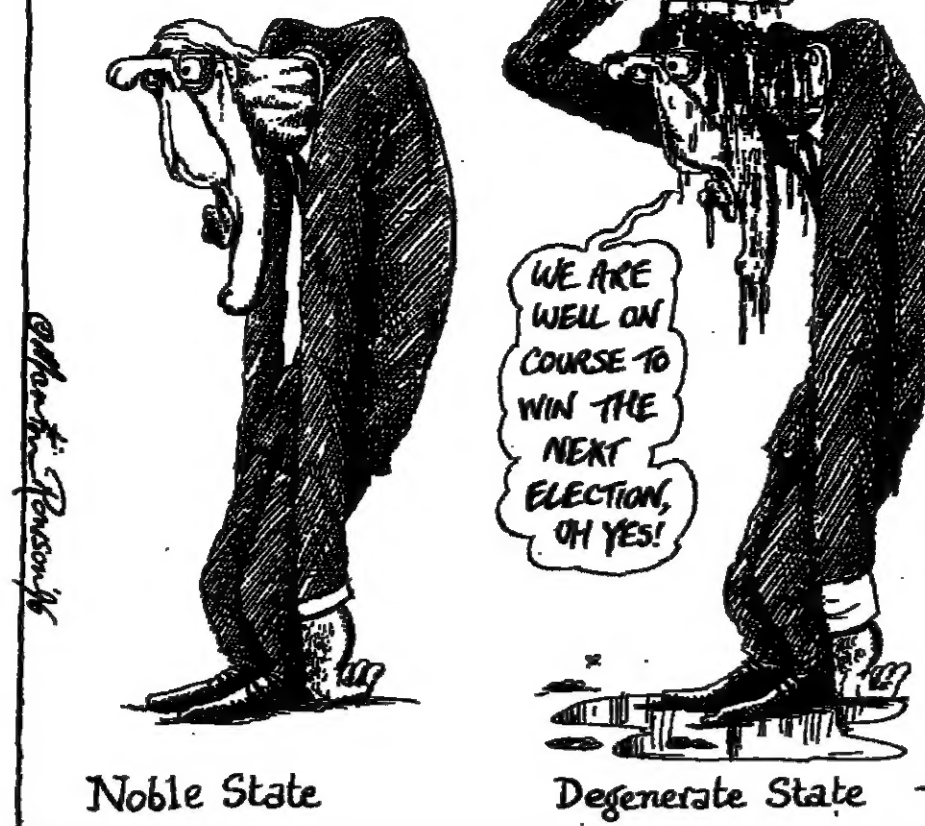
THE VIETNAMESE boat people who have rioted over the weekend in Hong Kong have failed to attract sympathy from any quarter. They are regarded as the hard core of a wave of "economic migrants" who are now using violent means to avoid repatriation.

Yet should these people really be written off quite so comprehensively? When the boat people began to leave Vietnam, they were regarded as freedom seekers. US hostility to Hanoi ensured that no effective action was taken to begin repatriation for a number of years.

Amnesty International has expressed concern over some aspects of the screening procedure. There is also a problem in proving the Vietnamese identity of some detainees who may be refused re-entry by Vietnam.

Studies in Degeneracy.

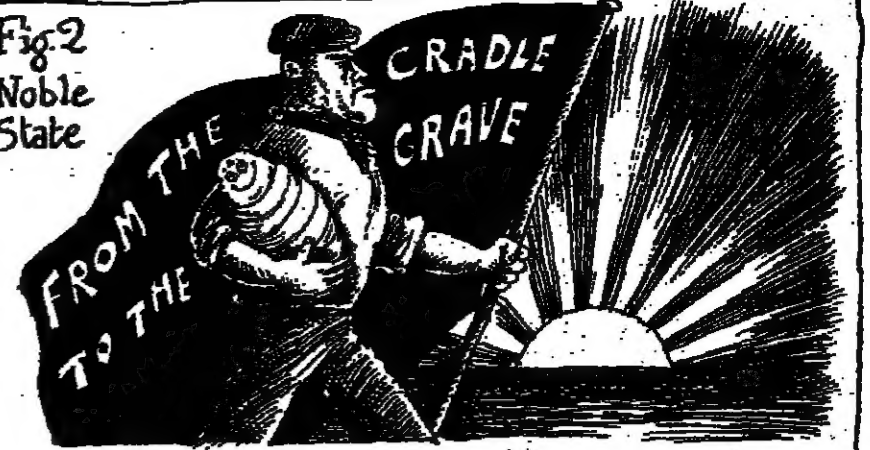
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Noble State

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Letters to the Editor

Of spies and story-tellers

IT IS NOT true that I was "sentenced to 25 years for passing secrets to Russia, including details of Britain's nuclear weapons" (Open season puts cat among mice, May 7). I have never been charged or tried for any offence concerning nuclear weapons.

I did not work with sensitive military information at GEC and there is no evidence that I ever gave "Russians" or anyone else any information about Britain's military hardware.

The Restricted document detailed a small component used in the Alarm missile but, as the component is sold commercially by GEC, it is not a sensitive device.

Due to gross distortion and manipulation of evidence at my "in camera" trial, and these later accusations (without evidence) about a nuclear weapons offence, I have been forced to take my case to the European Commission on Human Rights.

Michael John Smith, York YO4 1PS.

YOUR article made great play of Helen Cresswell's contribution to the Enid Blyton television series with no mention of the chief writer, my client Julia Jones (Noddy goes maddy, May 7). Not only did Miss Jones write the bulk of the scripts, she wrote all the early ones which ironed out any problems of dramatisation and established the period, tone and character.

Helen Cresswell was brought in later and took no part in the main decision-making. Hill Foster, 21 Lansdale Road, London SW13 9ED.

Euro wise, pound foolish

YOU rightly state (Leader, May 9) that, for two years, the pound has been shadowing the Deutschmark, while remaining outside the ERM. Shadowing from outside means that the pound adjusts to the level set by the latter.

I BELIEVE myself to be reasonably intelligent and educated but I do not pretend to have more than the faintest understanding of the implications for this, or any other, country of opting for a single European currency.

We tend to be a conservative and rather xenophobic nation, prone to sentimentalities about such things as the dear old pound sterling.

For that reason, we are vulnerable to tendentious party-political nonsense such as "handing over our sovereignty to the Brussels bureaucracy" or "surrendering control of our economy to the Deutsche Bank" and so on.

THE BIG problem for Westminster now is how to readjust the balance of voters to pre-Porter days (Porter faces 33m bill, May 10). There are several possible ways, such as bussing in poor people of firm left-wing views from the surrounding areas at election time.

ONE is troubled by Westminster residents shouting at Shirley Porter that she should "Go back to Israel". There is the whiff of an old prejudice to taunt like that. Dame Shirley may have made some contemptible, even corrupt, decisions in her life.

Gerard Hirschberg, 21 Garrick Avenue, London NW11 9AR.

... harmonising with Europe". With that same end in view, the suffering British public have been submitted to the inconvenience of switching from imperial to metric measurements. I would want to see at least some reciprocal harmonisation from our European "partners" before approving a second currency reform in my lifetime.

AW Drury, Lymes, Fakenham Road, Beetham, Derham, Norfolk NR20 4BT.

THERE IS a tragedy in the making if Britain's older people, with all their ingrained prejudices, survive just long enough to deprive their offspring of the Europe they clearly want.

I AM of that generation which remembers an earlier currency reform which decentralised our currency and confused our population in the name, we were told, of

Unequal treatment from an ailing National Health Service

AS A GP, I can assure Prof Maynard that rationing is taking place all the time (Letters, May 11). However, there is no structure or consistency to this process.

Where do you live? What are your hospital services like? How good is the local consultant? How interested in private practice is he? How well trained are the junior doctors? Is it a teaching hospital?

Do you live in the south-east? Every other region of the UK has proportionately fewer doctors. And the UK has fewer doctors than any comparable country.

All the above factors come into play in a random fashion to produce the covert rationing that allows the NHS to continue to function.

Please include a full postal address, even on e-mailed letters, and a telephone number.

ringly simple. We can only buy so much healthcare per pound so either we spend the same and buy a rationed amount of first-class healthcare for a limited number of conditions or we dig deeper into our pockets to pay for the level of healthcare that we appear to want.

It is laughable that Stephen Dorrell believes we can find 3 per cent efficiency savings year on year. Industry achieves efficiency savings by a combination of new technology and new work practices.

I find it deeply depressing (like most of my colleagues) but not at all surprising that politicians will not tackle this problem. The NHS will grind to a halt if nothing is done.

(Dr) Mark Hayes, Hill Top Farm, The Barr Lane, Bardsey, Leeds S17 9DX.

A Country Diary

THE LAKE DISTRICT: Passing Esedale Tarn - surely the trippers' tarn par excellence - in a walk over Tarn Crag the other day, I remembered once being caught swimming in the middle of it, many years ago, by a violent cloudburst.

refreshed. On this recent visit I looked in vain for evidence of the old stone hut, built on to a huge boulder at the side of the tarn, that used to stand above the eastern outflow of the tarn.

A HARRY GRIFFIN



Trainspotting: a sequel

MOST of the media, the Guardian included, seem to take great delight in assuming that trainspotting will breathe a sigh of relief at the retention of the BR double arrow logo (Minister ends trainspotting's torment, May 9).

James Thorp, 9 Beech Avenue, Worcester WR3 8PZ.

ONCE made a journey from St Pancras to Manchester in the company of Dr Sidney Jones, then director of research for BR. We talked about a logo and agreed it had to show a high-speed train with two-way traffic.

I am delighted that something so dynamic and straightforward will not be discarded.

The Which? guide to fractious retirement

Endpiece

Roy Hattersley

THIS is less of an essay than a warning. The next taxi driver, waiter, ticket collector, bus conductor or policeman who asks me if I am looking forward to retirement, risks death. I am changing jobs, not retiring.

Naturally, that view is particularly popular with long-serving MPs who have begun to develop a greenish pallor. But it is a strange idea to be advanced by the general public, which holds the House of Commons in profound contempt. I actually like the

place. But 32 years is a long time in party.

Naturally enough, my political demise is eagerly anticipated by a number of financial institutions which have selflessly offered to help me make provision for my old age. I have been spared a letter from the insurance company which appeals on television for geriatrics to arrange their own funerals - thus sparing grieving loved ones the expense of a decent burial.

So when I received a courtesy copy of the Which? 500-page Guide to Active Retirement, my only thought was that it was too heavy for the wrinkled bathers on the cover to lift. But a colleague - 23 and therefore deaf to the rat-

tle of time's winged chariot - showed me Chapter 26. It says "Being a good neighbour isn't always easy, especially if you are living close together and enjoy different lifestyles."

For the active pensioner prefers litigation to bingo. Three roots may affect foundations and cause subsidence. The person on whose land the tree is growing will be responsible for its removal.

He identified senile dementia at once

It would be wise to remember that if the doddering old fool next door has trees on his mind, flying fruit is only the start of your problems.

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Vladivostok Diary

James Meek

WHEN you ask them what used to be at Zelyony Ugol they shrug and look at you as if you were mad. That was five years ago! Ancient history! Just a bare hill, they say, and shrug again, and get on with the business of the day. There are three activities which bring people to this sprawling expanse of mud, gravel and icicles every weekend: buying Japanese cars, selling Japanese cars, and hanging around in a leather jacket and flat cap looking hard. It is hard to believe, standing at the edge of the pavement in central Vladivostok, and wondering as the minutes tick past how anyone ever manages to cross a road, that at the beginning of the decade the car was a rare, precious and above all Russian-made thing here. Whole families pooled their savings and waited years, sometimes lives, for the boxy object of Soviet consumer desire, the Lada saloon, to come trundling east on the Trans-Siberian railway.

Now there are no waiting lists, no tiny circle of Soviet motorists puttering along the near-empty roads — almost no Ladas. Instead, a Russian hostess a ghostly replica of a Tokyo rush-hour of 1988: hundreds of thousands of second-hand Toyotas, Hondas, Nissans, Mazdas and Mitsubishi, spurned by their former Japanese owners as grubby and unsafe, strapped up by Russian traders and whisked by ex-Soviet merchantmen across the short sea-crossing to the market at Zelyony Ugol. The name means "Green Corner" — a reference, perhaps, to one of the Russian nicknames for the US dollar, along with "bakshi" and "chavobagi". Spread out across one of the hummocky heights which give Vladivostok the appearance of a deported Hong Kong, it is a spontaneous, wheeler-dealing free-for-all which sees hundreds of old Japanese vehicles up for grabs at prices far below that of a new Russian car. "Why should anyone want to buy a Lada now?" laughed one of the market organisers, who appeared to be supervising the entire operation from a shipping container held level on a steep slope with piles of second-hand cars. "You could buy three Japanese cars for the same price." Like the British, the Japanese drive on the left, and the Moscow government made protectionist noises a few years back when it threatened to prohibit the use of left-hand drive on Russian roads. The howls of protest from the Russian Far East were so furious that Moscow backed down. Nothing can save the once-proud giants of Soviet motoring here now, particularly since garages and repair shops have switched over to spare parts for Japanese cars.

There are more Ladas on the byways of rural Fife than in downtown Vladivostok. The Volga saloon, once the last word in softening the impact of a pothole on bureaucratic bottoms, is an endangered species. The poor old Moskvich, devised for unreliability even in Soviet times, is about to start looking for that great parking place in the sky.

The spirit of Soviet motoring has had a kind of revenge. They thought the 135-year-old city's narrow, cracked streets are no more suited to western levels of traffic than York's, and have come to these levels far more suddenly, local drivers — many of whom simply bought licences from corrupt traffic policemen — drive their fast, high-powered Japanese cars as if nothing had changed and the roads were still virtually empty. The base instincts of the Russian motorist make any other European driving tradition look generous and polite.

Perversely, despite the influx of cars, Vladivostok is one of the harder cities in which to use that great Russian innovation, the paid hitch — when you stick out your hand anywhere, a car stops, you give your destination, agree a price, and go. With the acquisition of foreign wheels, it seems, comes a nouveau-riche disdain for the pavement-bound pedestrian. In many former Soviet towns even minibuses will stop to give you a cheap ride, but in Vladivostok, fleets of empty Japanese minibuses will whizz past without stopping. As often as not, the one who takes pity will be the most despised and rejected of Far Eastern cars — the oldest, rustiest Moskvich.



Lessons in life from a striking Frenchman

Commentary Mark Lawson

THE goal of the moment is rehabilitation. Eric Cantona — a year after his career seemed ruined and, to some observers, over — led his team up the steps at Wembley to accept the FA Cup won by his shot from bad boy to Boy's Own. Dreaming of a similar transformation, a tarnished star of another code of football, OJ Simpson, flies in to converse live with Richard & Judy on ITV tonight, while the celebrity British polo player, CPAG Windsor, announces the appointment of a new media guru in the hope of re-establishing his grip on the British throne. Whatever they say about leopards and spots, all celebrity leopards these days employ spot-removers.

OJ Simpson is, understandably, a sad and disillusioned man. It was the received cynicism of most observers of American culture that, late in the 20th century, notoriety was just another kind of fame and that Simpson would follow Michael Jackson, Woody

Allen, Mike Tyson and Donald Trump on the comeback trail. Equally, the logic of both American law and American capitalism seemed to be that someone buying a very expensive defence at least deserved to get their money's worth if the purchase proved successful. But Simpson got a shock. The exonerating verdict of 12 of his fellow countrymen has been largely ignored in the rest of America, while the accretory memoirs of one of his failed prosecutors, Christopher Darden, storm up the New York Times bestseller list.

And so — just as Richard Nixon did early in the days of his own disgrace — Mr Simpson has come to London and to the Oxford Union. His image-improving tour was designed by the publicist Max Clifford, Britain's established bag-carrier to media parishes. According to Mr Clifford, Mr Simpson is hoping to appeal to benefit from the fabled British sense of justice and fair play. He is even, his publicist lets slip, thinking of setting up home in Surrey.

It is not hard to see the attractions of Surrey to Mr Simpson. Were he, for example, unfortunately to murder a couple of his neighbours, British legal process and contempt-of-court rules would ensure a near-silence in the media about the details until — blessedly non-televised — trial, while he is to be

acquitted, he would be able to bring libel or contempt proceedings against anyone who suggested publicly that he had really done it. He is certainly right to see England as being fairer than America in its treatment of suspected murderers. Whether this comes from innate decency or from a stricter legal system is something he will have to judge for himself.

Also, and I hope Mr Clifford has explained this to him, the best that he could hope for in Surrey would be to be ignored and left alone, whereas you suspect that what he is really seeking is the return of his celebrity. A keen golfer, he might also be crediting England with too much decency in one important respect. His main problem on the golf courses of the Home Counties would not be that he might have murdered his wife but that he is black.

Let's hope that he appreciates as well that Mr Clifford can only do so much. Antonia De Sanctis — whom the publicist represented against David Mellor MP — is now a largely forgotten actress, while Mr Mellor is, if you believe last week's papers, raking in hundreds of thousands of pounds a year. The Harkness family of South Africa — whom he represented in his sexual allegations against the Rt Hon Alan Clark — are now residing anonymously in the void again, while Mr Clark is a

highly-paid journalist and best-selling author. Perhaps Mr Simpson's plan is to be forgotten. Certainly, it is a very ambitious rehabilitation plan that depends on an itinerary beginning with "dinner with Michael Winner". Whether even the English, decent as they are, can forgive that act must be considered doubtful.

The cases of the Prince of Wales and Mr Simpson are not exactly comparable: for a start, one has been stabbed in the back by his wife, while the other has the opposite problem. Even so, the heir to the throne is, reportedly, signing up Mark Bolland, director of the Press Complaints Commission, to do for him what Clifford does for Simpson, and what the American publicity guru Howard Rubenstein has just been retained to do for his former sister-in-law, the Duchess of York.

Personally, if forced to

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choose between doing PR for OJ Simpson or the Prince of Wales, I would go for the football player, on the basis that he is the easier sell. The problem is that the prince has already been subjected to nearly all of the standard rehabilitation tricks without success. There has been the soft television interview (with Jonathan Dimbleby), the adulatory book (ditto), the quick and aggressive response to any leaks or distortions from the other side (by

which we mean, here, the Princess of Wales). The last technique — successfully deployed by the Clinton administration in recent years — would, presumably, be one of the jobs of Mr Bolland. But none of these tricks has so far had any impact on the central problem of the Royal Family, which is that the public has sided with the removable part (Diana) rather than the fixed part (Charles). The only obvious solution would be for the Princess of Wales to be removed from the picture entirely, but that kind of thing, as OJ Simpson has discovered, can bring its own problems.

And what is shown by Eric Cantona's final triumph over disgrace on Saturday is that public rehabilitation depends on two things. The first is a genuine attempt to deal with the problems of your own character. Early in the morning of victory on Saturday, Cantona was provided with a provocation to attack a fan, when a thug sprayed him with saliva on the steps of the Royal Box. For a moment, his instinct was to rise, but he forced it back down. This psychological adjustment is a possibility for other beleaguered celebrities but, more problematically, the second lesson from the Cantona affair is that recovery of public faith is best achieved by simply doing your job fantastically well. Rather like a troubled politician, Cantona has gained rehabilitation through success.

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Thanks for the cultural capital, Dad



Ros Coward

IS British television becoming an inherited industry? If recent changes on the Big Breakfast show are anything to go by, it certainly looks like it. Gaby Roslin, daughter of radio presenter Clive Roslin, goes off to host her own chat show. She is replaced by Zoe Ball, daughter of erstwhile children's presenter Johnny Ball. Everybody knows about the aristocratic dynasties of the media like the Dimblebys. Now we see something different. All around the offspring of minor media aristocracy are coming into their inheritance: Emma Forbes, daughter of Bryan Forbes and Nettie Newman; Caron Keating, daughter of Gloria Honeyford; Emma Freud, daughter of Clement of the dog-food and Lib Dem; Samantha Norman, daughter of Barry (himself son of Ealing film director Leslie) and so on.

ment. But it also reflects a peculiarly British obsession with creating ourselves as minor aristocrats, handing down advantage to our offspring. This has certainly happened in housing. A "property-owning democracy" may sound egalitarian and fair. But one generation down the line it creates vast inequalities between those who have inherited housing from their parents and those who have not.

Now there even seems to be a Tory-Labour consensus that we should dismantle the welfare state so the property can still be inherited intact. The media represent cultural capital rather than financial wealth. In the past, politics would have been the place to find such dynasties. They now occur in the media, saying a great deal about where power is seen to reside. Cultural capital is especially valuable in an industry like broadcasting where there are no formal training structures. The scheme is set up standards qualifications in its early stages. What counts is knowledge and contacts. It's a matter of how much you know about the risks and skills involved, and, probably more important, who you know. These being the case, or have that invaluable asset, a ready-made network. The rest have to work the Groucho Club.

MANY might say that British television was in the first place, that it has always been dominated by Reithian notions of broadcasting as a ruling-class instrument for educating and influencing the lower orders. This ethos persisted right through to the 70s with the BBC's graduate-training scheme. But since then, there hasn't been the same route of entry into an elite. Broadcasting is more fragmented, with multiple ways in and a diversity of institutions.

But in spite of massive changes in the industry, including huge numbers of graduates emerging from media-studies courses, it is still run like a village. Only a handful of courses provide any real working knowledge of the industry, so how do the powerful make their selections? By recommendation, by networks, and by trusting the "good" families. History is full of examples of the degeneration of manners, ability and morality when capital gets trapped in families. You would think we had learned a lesson from weak, self-important, degenerate aristocracy of the 18th century. One look at Paula Yates (daughter of Jess Yates, television organiser) proves that the same process is at work in the transmission of cultural capital. Is it just coincidence that the obvious term for this new media aristocracy is mediocrity?



Free the servants

Derek Lewis lost his job in a row over responsibility for prisons. Here he explains how government agencies should be protected from incompetent or over-excited ministers

WHAT is happening in our key public services? The official story is that they have never been better after the radical surgery of the last decade. But there are signs that all is not well. Amid allegations that embarrassing research statistics have been suppressed on a range of topics from criminal justice to the Health Service, critics who say that public services have become less open and accountable are starting to be heard. There is an all-time low. Relentless pressure to cut costs, and the threat to job security from market testing are blamed, while the Government stands accused of undermining its civil servants. There are clear signs that the relationship of trust between politicians and civil servants is breaking down. Responsibility is shared. The

marked contrast with the apparent readiness to centralise decision-making in some areas. Centralisation of decisions in the criminal justice world — about police management, probation-officer qualifications, prison regimes and mandatory sentencing — is at odds with the recognition that government cannot make good decisions in the commercial world. The big public-service reforms. Next Steps executive agencies, market testing and the Citizens' Charter — were supposed to cure the long-standing problems of our public services. Before condemning them as a failure, it would be well to remember just how awful some of those services were and how much has been achieved — from the quality of postal services to the elimination of inhumane conditions in our jails. But equally, those reforms were never going to be a panacea. Executive agencies, for example, were not the great leap forward in management thinking that some people imagined. They were a face-saving label to enable the public sector to introduce basic management tools that any private-sector business would have been bankrupt without. Our public services suffered for decades from the recruit-

expect. And the increasing proportion of our senior politicians for whom politics has been their sole career exacerbates that tension. They understand the political system intimately, but that is not matched by an understanding of what makes organisations tick. Less well-known is the concept of the floating voters, but not the needs of ordinary people in their daily working lives. The increasing short-term political pressures, political insecurity and new technology for handling information are making it easier to take decisions centrally, will also strengthen the temptation to centralise decision-making.

THE answer for the future must be to build on, but not to throw away, the reforms that have already been achieved. Four specific steps would help to cure some of the present ills: Restoration of integrity to the way public services are managed and the acceptance of responsibility. The division between policy and operations will never insulate ministers from responsibility for what goes on in their departments. They do different jobs. Ministers set policy, provide money and supervise; civil servants manage operations and provide the services. But responsibility extends sensibly all the way up from the front-line employee through the chief executive to the minister concerned. An honest acceptance of that, with an understanding that ministers do not necessarily need to resign when things go wrong unless they are personally at fault, would go a long way to restoring confidence in the accountability of our public services.

Re-emphasis of the requirement of ministers to provide leadership for public services. They must win the hearts and minds of the people who serve the public. The affairs of centralisation must be resisted. Privatisation and contracting out have their place, even though opportunities are now fewer. Many other services must remain in the public sector, but the dead hand of central government needs to be kept away. That means giving services like immigration and prisons statutory independence from ministers, similar to that of the police. Ministers should set policy through the transparent mechanism of legislation, determine spending levels and perform the essential checks on efficiency through independent inspectors but no more.

Finally, the legitimate expectations of the public for information should be met. While the provision of information is voluntary, there will always be some who are economical or evasive. Only legislation — a Freedom of Information Act — will suffice. The public also has a right to hear a full debate on sensitive issues. It is a nonsense that heads of our largest agencies within the Civil Service are barred from expressing their views on the big policy issues, whereas those who run constitutionally-independent agencies, such as the Bank of England or the police, are free to express such views and do so without undermining ministers.

Derek Lewis was Director-General of the prison service from 1993 until he was dismissed by the Home Secretary last year

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Denis Sargan

Adding up the economy

DENIS SARGAN, who has died aged 71, transformed the teaching of econometrics. As a practitioner and writer, he had a great influence, particularly while professor of econometrics at the London School of Economics.

Denis speeded the adaptation by economists of more scientific methods. Particularly, he used statistical techniques to analyse the relationships between observations on quantities (macro-economic time series) such as national expenditure and income, wages and prices — and the unemployment rate.

After Doncaster Grammar School, and Cambridge, where Denis obtained the top results in the mathematics tripos at St John's, he spent the war on statistical testing of weapons. He then read Maynard Keynes's *General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money*. The work made him optimistic about what economists could accomplish — such as avoiding 1930s unemployment levels — and

Keynes's use of mathematics meant Denis realised the potential for mathematics and statistics in economics. He quickly gained a Cambridge economics degree, and became an economics lecturer at Leeds University.

While there he became interested in developing a small econometric model of the British economy, a mathematical representation of the relationships between major variables within it. Today, the Treasury, Bank of England, National Institute of Economic and Social Research, and the London Business School all have models of the type he devised. His early research was hindered by the lack of powerful computers, adequate data and of other economic researchers. But after a late 1940s visit to the universities of Minnesota and Chicago he decided to devote himself to developing econometrics in Britain.

In 1963 he moved to the LSE as a reader in statistics, becoming a professor of economics in 1964. His appointment was part of a programme of



Denis Sargan... influential

new mathematical economics and econometrics courses introduced to train professional economists. Today there is a highly successful LSE approach to econometrics, originating from Denis's work and evidenced by the number of his past students occupying professorships around the world. His teaching of econometric theory — with a con-

text from the research frontiers — was legendary. Denis would lecture without reference to his notes and remember from week to week exactly what topic he was discussing. Much of the research conducted by Denis and his students was embedded in applied econometrics. For example, while at Leeds in the 1960s, Denis discovered an apparently stable relationship between inflation and unemployment, as did Professor Bill Phillips at the LSE at the same time. But Denis was unconvinced that a small increase in unemployment would cure inflation, so he continued to explore the details of this relationship. The outcome was his 1963 paper for a Bristol University Colston Society conference on wage-price inflation, which sowed the seeds for a major change in econometrics. Denis formulated what is now called the "error correction model" and it is the most commonly used representation for time series relationships.

Of crucial relevance for all of us is the fact that by apply-

ing his new tools, Denis demonstrated how important "real-wage resistance" is in wage bargains, so that there existed a "catch-up" mechanism for recouping losses incurred from unanticipated inflation — when inflation is 1 per cent, a 5 per cent wage increase is acceptable to workers, but is not when inflation is 10 per cent. While Phillips's 1950s research was solely concerned with wage increases and unemployment, Denis had introduced a third factor: price inflation.

During the meetings that Denis held with his students, we experienced the speed with which he could respond to what we thought were difficult new ideas, and we began to realise that his published work was the tip of an iceberg. There was an abundant supply of his research results in his office, waiting for Denis to find the time to improve them, although to many of us those we saw appeared to be innovative and complete already.

Meeting Denis we realised the importance to him of his relationship with Mary, whom he married in 1953, his children and his interest in gardening and music. It was a pleasure to see Mary and Denis at the many conferences where he presented papers after which they would visit galleries, museums and archaeological sites.

Denis became the Econometric Society's president in 1980, a fellow of the British Academy in 1981, and an honorary foreign member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1987. In 1993 he received an honorary doctorate from Madrid's University of Carlos III.

Denis was a warm and encouraging teacher, a supportive colleague and a man with an ever-present smile and a sparkle in his eyes. He will be greatly missed by his many academic children, as well as by Mary and their daughter, two sons, and two granddaughters.

Denis Sargan, econometrician, born August 23, 1924; died April 13, 1996



Trail blazer... Patsy Montana

Patsy Montana

Sweet voice of the Old West

IN 1935, Patsy Montana was the first female country singer to record a million seller. And years later Ronald Reagan wrote to her that *I Want To Be A Cowboy's Sweetheart* was the song every cowboy wanted to hear. Her success blazed a trail that would be followed the likes of Kitty Wells and Patsy Cline.

Montana, who has died aged 61, grew up in Arkansas and was educated in Bill Clinton's home town, Hope. In 1930, while visiting relatives in California, she yodelled a couple of songs in a talent contest, and won a Hollywood radio station spot. She then worked with country singer Stuart Hamblen — who persuaded her to abandon her own name of Ruby Blevins — and with future Louisiana governor Jimmie Davis.

Then, while visiting the 1933 Chicago World's Fair, 19-year-old Patsy joined the Prairie Ramblers, a four-man stringband performing on WLS radio's *National Barn Dance*. Owned by Sears Roebuck mail-order — "World's Largest Store" — the station dominated the midwest and dispatched its stars on grueling tours of Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and Iowa, introducing immigrant and first generation American farmers to the music and mythology of an already fictionalised Old West. Patsy had cowboy charms, and a tirelessly exhibited talent for yodelling. With an eye to her own stage name, she wrote at least half a dozen songs with Montana in the title.

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updated her image in songs like *Swing Time Cowboy*. During the second world war, like many country artists, Patsy concentrated on touring rather than studio work. She returned to radio in 1946-47 with a networked show, *Waikiki Tip and Tunes*, but she missed the "serendipitous atmosphere of pre-war recording sessions and did little further work on disc."

In the 1950s and 1960s she spent more time with her family. She had married Paul Rose, the manager of another WLS country act, in 1934 and had two daughters, Judy and Beverly, whom she initiated in the business before they were in their teens. By the late 1960s Patsy and Judy were pioneering the mother-and-daughter format that would later be exploited by Naomi and Wynonna Judd.

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Henry Clarke

Style always in Vogue

THE career of Henry Clarke, who has died aged 77 of leukaemia, was eclipsed by those of Irving Penn, his colleague at Vogue magazine's New York studios, and Richard Avedon, his contemporary at Harper's Bazaar. Yet Clarke's photographs capture the world of 1950s *haute couture* more consistently than any other photographer. His photographs of the *sang froid* elegance of Dovima, Della Oaks, Anne Saint-Marie, Suzy Parker and Dorian Leigh are masterpieces of extravagance unparalleled in postwar fashion photography.

His productivity was extraordinarily high, and always of an exceptional standard. He had negotiated a unique contract by which he photographed, from 1951, for French, British and American Vogue. He covered the spring and summer couture collections for the magazines more frequently than any other photographer, and in the 1960s American Vogue editor Diana Vreeland often commanded from him, for a single issue, at least 24 pages of exotic location work.

He shared none of Penn and Avedon's versatility, having little interest in photography outside ultra-elegant fashion

and celebrity portraits. Perhaps this refusal to diversify, coupled with a whimsical orientation — his close friend, Susan Train, American Vogue's Paris bureau chief, recalls a fondness for "racing around the country with two models, a hairdresser and a fleet of cars" — has allowed his work to fall out of favour.

Born in Los Angeles, Clarke's early life was itinerant, as his Irish immigrant parents moved through Chicago, Washington, Florida, back to Chicago, and finally, in 1924, to San Francisco. In 1946, after becoming a window dresser for the I Magnin store in Oakland, he took six months leave and moved to New York. A chance meeting brought him to the props room at the Condé Nast studios as "accessorizing assistant." Seeing the legendary Horst P Horst in action and, more particularly, Cecil Beaton photographing Dorian Leigh, he realised his vocation.

After learning how to handle the Vogue-issued Rolleiflex camera, he enrolled, like Penn and Avedon, in the art director Alexey Brodovitch's photography classes and submitted work to *Kaleidoscope* before embarking for Paris and a lifetime's services to



Picture of elegance... Henry Clarke and his models at Vogue's London studio in 1953

Vogue, by way of the magazines *Femina* and *Album de Horst* and stints as salon photographer to courtiers Jean Dessees and Captain Molyneux.

The character in Stanley Donen's *Funny Face*, played by Fred Astaire, is popularly associated with Avedon (who worked as technical adviser on the film and took the photographs glimpsed in it), but much of the character — an

American very at home in Paris — is pure Henry Clarke: impeccably presented, unflinching courteous in the fashion world maelstrom, quietly inscrutable as a model girl's best friend, as well as possessor of a sure instinct for what is "right" for his magazine.

Bettina Ballard, of American Vogue, recalled in her memoirs that "with Henry Clarke photographing, Suzy

(Parker) posing and clowning enchantingly... French-fried potatoes and red wine cluttering the tables, and Maurice, the red-faced bantam assistant, trying on hats, it was the gayest collection of my career."

A gentlemanly, modest figure, he allowed only one book of his work to be published, which is now out of print. His prints and negatives, so long

gathered dust in a Parisian bank vault, have been left to the Musée de la Mode et du Costume in Paris, and perhaps in time he will be accorded the attention he so discreetly and assiduously denied himself.

Henry Clarke, fashion photographer, born December 16, 1918; died April 28, 1995

Michael Gerzon

An insight on sound

FIRST came across Michael Gerzon, who has died aged 50 from complications from asthma, in the early 1970s. It was the time of the absurd quadraphonic sound battle. At least four companies had squeezed four hi-fi channels into a stereo LP groove for reproduction through four loudspeakers, one at each corner of the living room.

The CBS record company — later bought by Sony — demonstrated its SQ system at a Park Lane hotel and provided a highly technical mathematical explanation of why SQ was better than their Japanese rivals' systems with talk

of "vectors". It sailed right over our heads. A young man stood up, and, turning a flimsy square wire cage through angles, explained vectors in gloriously simple language. Michael Gerzon's point was that although SQ might sound good with some musical material — like that used for the demonstration — theory proved that there would always be more music that would sound wrong. Gerzon could make the most complicated concepts understandable, without ever sounding even slightly pedantic.

After a spell at Oxford's Mathematical Institute,

Michael worked for 20 years as a consultant on digital audio, video and computer projects. His partner on many projects was Peter Craven. "What Michael has done," he said, explaining why few people outside the electronics industry will have heard of Gerzon, "the world will want in 30 years time."

During the 1970s, relations between Gerzon and CBS worsened. At industry seminars, Michael kept popping up and asking questions which demolished their theories. He wasn't out to harm CBS, but he firmly believed — and had the maths to prove it — that none of the quadra-

phonics systems would be right for home hi-fi. His arguments carried special weight because he was not just a maths theorist. He loved music of all types, and made many live recordings as a hobby. He also had very acute hearing. He could hear much higher frequencies — 23 KHz

— than most people. Inevitably, Michael developed his own surround sound system, Ambisonics, which he worked on with other academics and recording engineers. The system was backed by the National Research Development Corporation — which later became the British Technology Group — but never took off. The NRDC never seemed to understand the consumer electronics market, and missed the opportunity to team up with Dolby Laboratories and offer the choice of Ambisonics for playing music CDs with surround fidelity and Dolby surround for the blockbuster home cinema effects that are now all the rage.

In the 1980s, Gerzon moved on to digital audio and video, laying the foundation for many of the contemporary systems. With Craven, he wrote the theory for noise

shaping, which lets recording studios squeeze higher fidelity on to CDs. His last work was for a voluntary industry group, Acoustic Renaissance for Audio, which aims to persuade the Japanese industry to set standards for future variants of CD that will deliver super hi-fi that surround the listener. The key to this is a digital technique, lossless coding, and Gerzon and Craven were at the final stages of research when he was rushed to hospital and died. The work will continue, and sometime around 2026 engineers will be trying to patent inventions that they think are new — and repeatedly finding that Michael Gerzon had got there first.

Michael Gerzon, mathematician, audio expert, born December 4, 1945; died May 6, 1995

Birthdays

Sir Crispian Agnew of Lochnaw, Bt explorer and general, 62; William Allen, deputy director, Bank of England, 48; Luciano Benetton, founder and president Benetton, 61; Joe Brown, singer, guitarist, 65; Eileen Duse, theatre, film and television designer, 65; Jim Douglas, jazz guitarist, 54; Colin Ford, director, National Museum of Wales, 62; Peter Gabriel, singer, 46; Dr Jane Glover, conductor, 47; Sir John Habakkuk, former principal, Jesus College, Oxford, 61; Harvey Keitel, actor, 57; Sir Laurence Kilman, archaeologist, 89; Tasmin Little, violinist, 31; Sydney Lipworth, deputy chairman, National Westminster Bank, 65; Tim Pigott-Smith, actor, 50; Sir Alfred Fugley, civil engineer, 50;

Death Notices

Uttro, Eric A. 1923-95. 85-66. Has been survived by one son and six grandsons. Buried in the New Forest. Inquiries to the Department of Health, 17th Floor, 11th Avenue, New York, NY 10019. Burial may be made in the New Forest. Burial may be made in the New Forest. Burial may be made in the New Forest.

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Final Goal

Goalkeepers will not be the only ones looking to make saves this summer when hordes of football fans converge on England for the European Championships. Thrust into their hands may be *The Ultimate Goal*, a booklet written by Christians in Sport. Fans can feast on 16 pages of team facts and colour photographs before they reach the Godly content, which features the testimonies of the former Coventry striker Cyril Regis, and Gavin Peacock, the Chelsea player. It also includes advice on "Training for victory" or how to "develop spiritual

muscles". This is illustrated with a photograph of the current England coach, Terry Venables, whose faith, if he has one, is not widely known. *Yes, this is proclaimed the word by the Church Times.*

Baby food

Thousands of human placentas from hospitals in Switzerland have been turned into animal feed since the 1960s, says Zurich city council. The council has launched an inquiry into how such a practice, which breaches hospital guidelines on waste disposal, could remain undetected for so long. "Ethically it is outrageous," says Ursula Vetterli, head of the department of health and environment in Zurich. "We have stopped it. And with our inquiry we are trying to find out whether we need to take further action against anyone for breaking the rules." Placentas are now incinerated with other human remains.

Vetterli has evidence that 800 kg of human placentas from the Cross Hospital and the Nursing School in Zurich

were mixed in with dead pets and turned into animal feed since the start of 1995. A Swiss television programme investigated the links between contaminated animal feed and BSE, and found something much more disturbing, reported in *New Scientist*.

Cow dolls?

"We could see that their heads were becoming misshapen and brown tears were trickling out of their eyeballs."

British Scientist Howell Edwards, describing not mad cows, but a chemical problem that is wrecking collections of antique dolls, in *Newsweek*.

Udder theory

Thatcherian Conservatism: You had two cows, but a previous government took them from you (see Bureaucratic Socialism). The Government sells them to someone else, and you still have to buy the milk.

New Labour: The Government buys back the front half of one of the two cows you

used to own, using your own money. You still have to buy the milk.

Liberal Democracy: You have two cows. The Government gives you cowhand the right to tell you what to do with the milk.

Ecology Party: You have two cows. The Government tells you what to do with the manure.

Thanks to reader Chris Eilley.

Major insight

Tim Rogers, reporter for the *Prague Post*, was hoping to overhear the leader's words of wisdom when visited the city. "I didn't mean to be there, listening in on the two prime ministers' idle banter during their photo opportunity on the Charles Bridge. I was on my way to Mala Strana when I met a photographer friend on the bridge moments before John Major and Vaclav Klaus were due there, and I waited with him amid the pack of camera-toting professionals. When they arrived, I kept as close as possible, trying not to interfere. The security service

pushed back the photographers as the politicians advanced. As I stepped to the side to let the whole frenzied affair pass, so did the two politicians, pausing to peer down at the river. If not for a secret-service man between us, I could have touched Klaus. That's when I heard Major say, "So the river flows under this bridge, then? Klaus, simply smiled politely. I saw the thought balloon above the Czech prime minister that said, "John, no wonder you're done in politics."

Barbie exec

Jill Barad, president and chief operating officer of *Mattel Inc.*, on the future of little women in the Toronto Star's business section.

Some women had begun to ask questions about Barbie's relevance in the age of feminism. Barbie had, in fact, been an astronaut, a doctor and a teacher, "but she never got recognition for it," Barad said. "So, the first thing I did was send her to work, officially and formally, with a new advertising campaign

that was stated around the position that we girls can do anything, right Barbie? She had a briefcase, she had a computer, she had a Wall Street Journal and she had a credit card, but she wasn't just a business woman because... we had her outfit turn into this fabulous party dress. It seems really silly. And it was pink, of course. But it brought Barbie to a place where a little girl thought it was fun to play executive," she explained. This year it's Barbie and computers.

Tory pressed

The Daily Express editor, Richard Addis, gives us an insider's view on what stand we can expect the Conservative papers to take on the general election. New Statesman

Today and over the next 12 months it seems to me that the Conservative papers have four choices:

The first is to develop an argument that says politicians, regardless of their party, have let us down. But given that the Tories have had two decades to make a mess of things, and they are all as bad as each other, we might as well give Labour a chance.

The second choice would be to say that to be a true Tory — a one nation, devolutionist, welfare state, hotchpotch of a Tory — one would now be turning to Labour: thus a moral Conservative should vote for Tony Blair.

The third choice would be to say that, for all its manifold weaknesses and short-

comings, the Tory party is still a far better guarantee of Britain's prosperity and place in the world than anything New Labour could come up with and that we should all vote Conservative without hesitation.

The final choice would be to argue that the Tory Party was the right party to govern Britain, but had so far betrayed its natural supporters and its history, that it was only by losing that it could rediscover its true spirit. New Labour, after all, would not be such a disaster for Britain and a reborn Tory Party could shortly return to power.

Richard bets that at least three of these options will be covered in *Tory papers* by polling day. He declines to tell us what the *Express* will be saying, as to give it away would surely be spoiling the fun!

Jackdaw wants your jewels. E-mail jackdaw@guardian.co.uk; fax 0171 713 4366; or write to Jackdaw, The Guardian, 119 Farringdon Road, London EC1R 3ER.

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Cricket

Tour match: Gloucestershire v Indians

Symonds show for Test video

David Foot at Bristol

ANDREW SYMONDS may continue to keep us guessing about his England aspirations but the Test video footage at Bristol Road does not lie. His unbeaten century against the tourists yesterday placed him tantalisingly close to international recognition, whatever the paradoxes of his career.

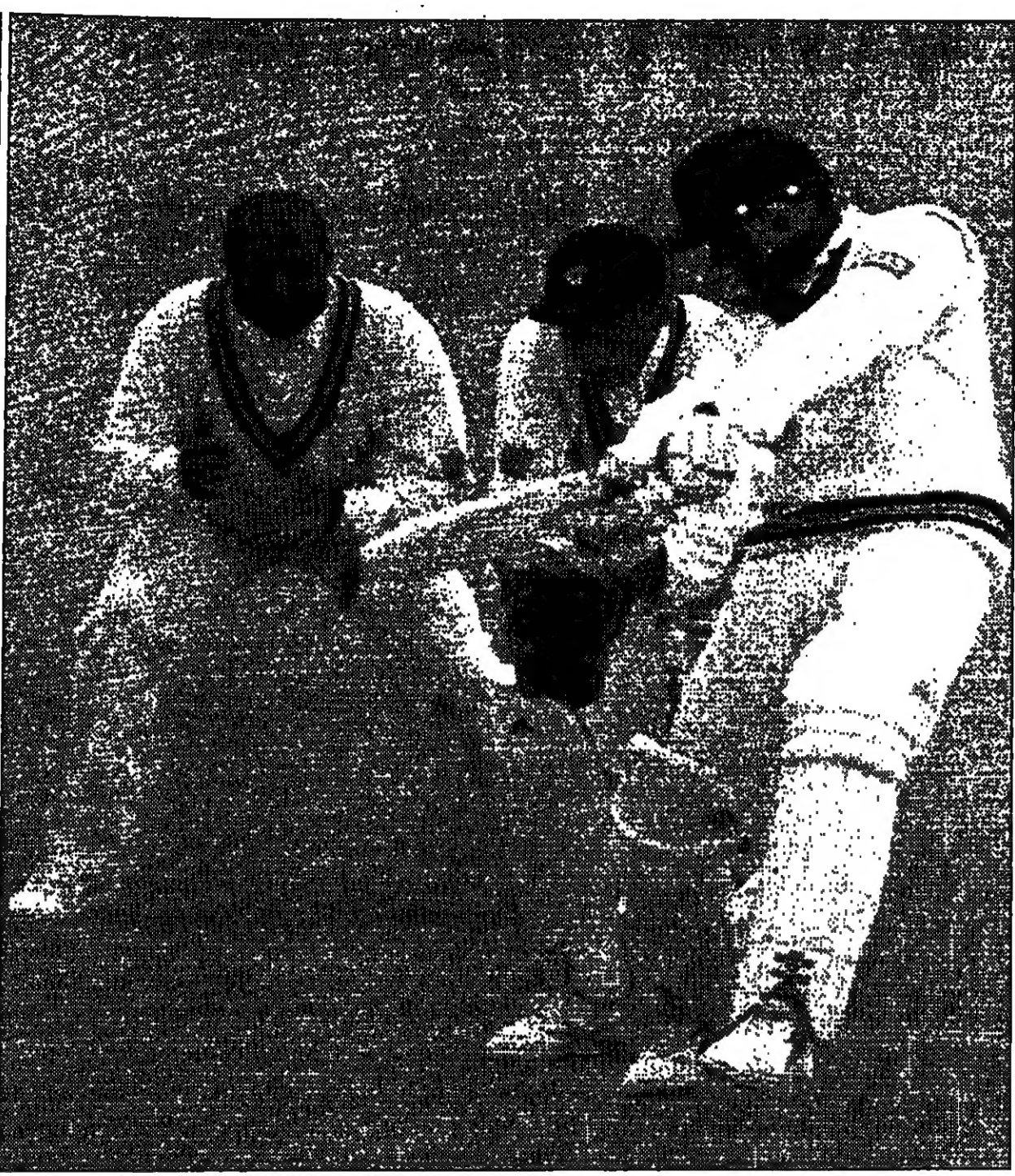
He was never reckless as he reached 120 by late close but his innings was positive enough to light up the day's play. All his 16 fours were crisp, many elegant; a six off Fumi Joshi was Jessopian and probably his straighter. His runs came off 130 balls and he always looked composed; despite the poker face, one imagines his intent is a matter of private, inner fervour.

Gloucestershire's "nursery" once a source of negligible talent, it is these days increasingly productive. It was now the turn of Dominic Hewson to earn general wisecrack nods of approval for his near three-hour innings on his first-class debut. There is nothing flash or wanton in his demeanour; that pervasive sense of safety perhaps offers a clue to the tongue-in-cheek nickname of Condem bestowed on him by team-mates.

He scored just six boundaries and then only when the bowler erred in direction, but the half-century was a reassuring introductory landmark before he was yoked by Anil Kumble. His stand with Symonds had steadied Gloucestershire when they appeared to be swaying at 38 for three. It was worth 140 runs, spread over 29 overs, with Symonds having more of the strike and supplying more of the aggression.

Before that, Bobby Bowson had been held at short leg. Monte Lynch to a catch at the wicket, and Tim Hancock fell when selecting quite the wrong ball to leave well alone. Lynch remained transfixed for an eternity before starting a contemplative backpedal. His had, after all, been a long and costly wait; he had been left out of the early matches after failing to put in an appearance for a second XI fixture, which brought him a reprimand and a heavy fine.

All three wickets went to Javagal Srinath in 10 balls after he had opened with three consecutive maidens. Gloucestershire should surely have acquired by now an intimate knowledge of his



Cutting a dash... India's Rahul Dravid enjoying the experience of an unbeaten 86 at Bristol

pace and guile — from the nets and close-range observation last summer when he would surely have taken 100 wickets for them but for eventual injury and fatigue. His subtlety is admirable but it has to be said that India's overall bowling strength is of uncertain balance.

Earlier the tourists had taken their first-innings total to 406. Sourav Ganguly was held at slip in the second over of the morning off the perfunctory if largely unrewarded Jon Lewis. Rahul Dravid was undefeated on 86 at the end. His innings was proficient and a valuable, unharmed ex-

perience for him. He has few obvious prospects of promotion to Test level at the moment but his nice boundaries were well executed.

Mark Alleyne, captaining Gloucestershire in the absence of Courtney Walsh and Jack Russell, reaffirms responsibility. Bowling accurate me-

dium pace, he was the most successful of the bowlers with five for 81 off just under 30 overs. For the most part he handled a modest county attack, complicated by Boden's viral illness, with sound sense. He was 43 not out at the close when Gloucestershire were 251 for four.

Scoreboard

AXA Equity & Law League

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Rugby Union

Wigan pay hosts by making off with silver

Chris Hewett on how the rugby league club tweaked more southern noses by winning the Middlesex Sevens

THERE'S gratitude for you. No sooner had the Rugby Football Union rung down the curtain on a century of cold-shouldered rivalry than the early rounds before out-

off Richmond and joy of Wigan pay hosts by making off with silver

Wigan pay hosts by making off with silver

Paul's displays against Richmond and Quins were of breath-taking quality and had he not missed the climax of the competition with ankle trouble Leicester...

It was a chastening experience for Lawrence Dallaglio, a renowned sevens specialist and hot favourite to take over the England captaincy at the end of the summer.

His Wasps side matched Wigan for desire and beat them hands down for possession, but were light-years adrift in the more fundamental physical qualities of pace and dynamic strength.

These players are fully professional in outlook and preparation and it will be interesting to see how we compete against them a year from now, when we've had the benefit of a season's full-time fitness work."

Heineken League: Treorchy 31, Neath 58

Neath strike it rich but need one more bonus

Robert Armstrong

NEATH can expect to take the Heineken League title at the Gnuil tomorrow night provided they beat Pontypridd and score at least seven tries.

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"We are vulnerable to transfer raids by well-off clubs because there's not a great deal of wealth in Neath," the coach explained. "But we have quite a number of talented players aged 19, 20 or 21 in the side so we're optimistic about keeping it all going and perhaps winning things."

Brown blasts the doctor in new carry-on

ALSTAIR BROWN, six-time international, blasted his doctor in a new carry-on press again yesterday as Surrey beat Kent, the Sunday champions, by 180 runs at The Oval. If Ray Illingworth's new band of selectors...

Tennents Scottish Cup final: Hawick 17, Watsonians 15

Crowd inspires Hawick to first prize as Welsh caps fightback with late try

Hockey

GB revenge denied on spot

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SOCCKER: FA CUP FINAL

Manchester United, England's wealthiest club, are still cleaning up the silver. But do they have enough polish for Europe?

United conquer Everest — again

David Laacy

ONE inspired passing shot amid much repetitive baseline play settled an otherwise uninspiring game of doubles at Wimbledon on Saturday and spared everybody a tie-break. No wonder the Duchess of Kent, who does not wear thermals to watch this sort of thing at Wimbledon, gratefully stretched out a frozen hand to greet Eric Cantona as soon as he approached the Royal Box.

Cantona's second most famous kick in English football had just completed Manchester United's second Double in three seasons, adding the FA Cup to the Premiership title won six days earlier. The Double used to seem beyond the reach of the most accomplished teams, United among them, but now, like Everest, it is becoming a well-conquered peak.

United are the first club to achieve the feat twice but will surely not stop there. Since a Premiership plutocracy was created, the wealthiest club have won the two major domestic honours 11 times out of a possible eight and have been runners-up twice.

Not that it has all been about spending power; Andy Cole, an expensive error at £7 million, proved as much on Saturday. Success in football will always be about talented players soundly managed, and under Alex Ferguson United have won nine trophies in the Nineties, not counting two Charity Shields.

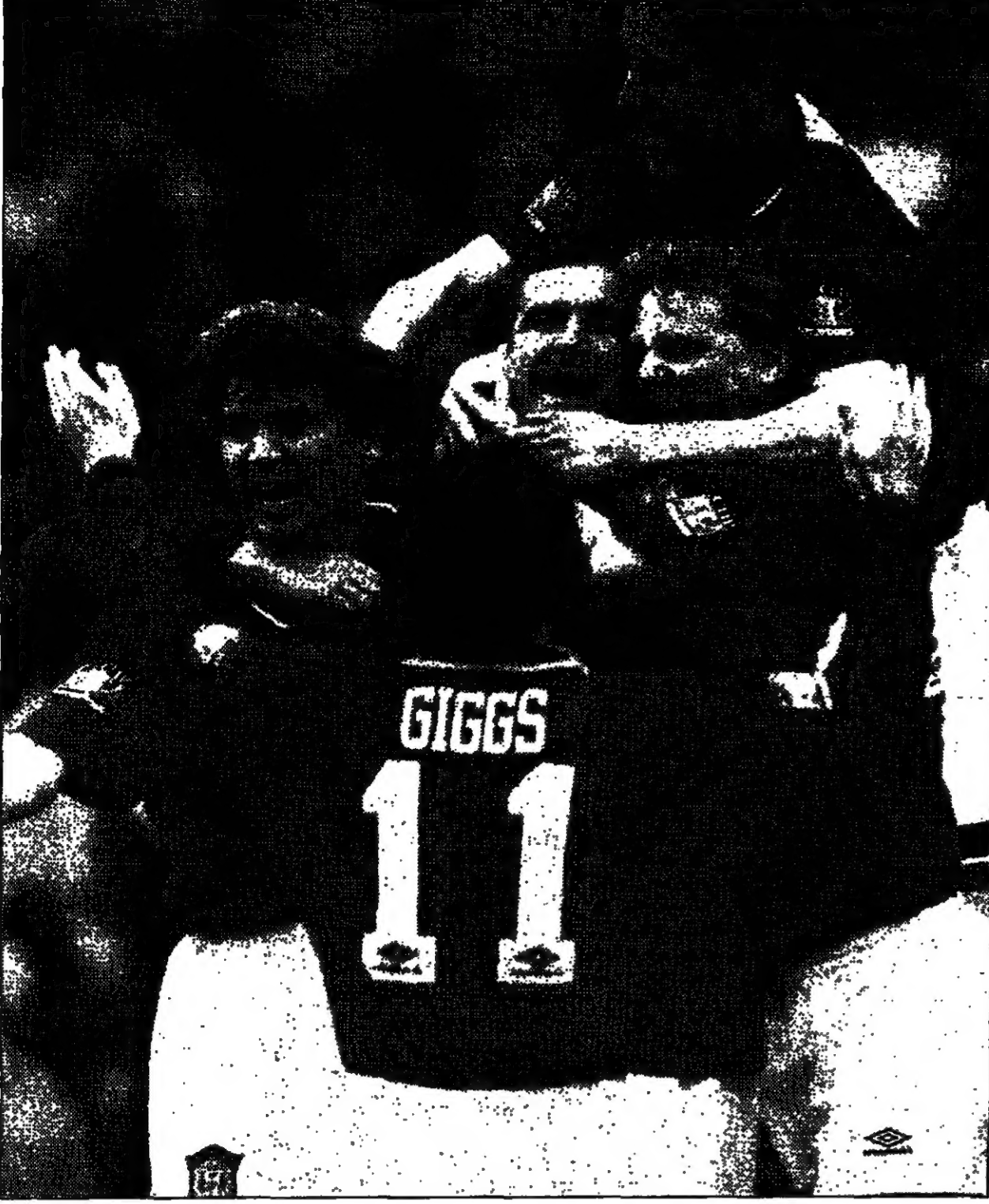
Wisely, in his latest moment of triumph, Ferguson managed to keep a sense of proportion. "It is tempting to think that nothing could be better than today," he said, "but there's that challenge to do better in Europe next time. And it's going to be better, I'll tell you that right now."

It needs to be. Unless United make a bigger impact in the Champions' League than they have done so far then the latest triumph will be short-lived.

Another Double for United means that Liverpool will be competing in the next Cup Winners' Cup as FA Cup runners-up, a role which on Saturday they assumed as if to the bitter end. This is an odd thing to say about Liverpool but theirs was a strangely withdrawn performance. Maybe the fact that they had been winding down in the Premiership while United were winning it played a part in conditioning the team's approach. United were urgent throughout but Liverpool rarely shook off their languor.

The more the match was hyped as the final to end all finals the more disappointing the overall spectacle was likely to be. Riveting it was not. It was more like watching a fight.

Had James not pushed aside Beckham's goal-bound shot in the fifth minute the match might have opened up and Wembley would not have



United in happiness... Cantona is swamped by his team-mates after scoring the late winner

had to wait until five minutes for the finish for something significant to happen. Yet the moment Ferguson announced that he wanted his players to have fun at Wembley, an afternoon devoid of this commodity was virtually guaranteed. Fun be damned. His industry, coaching, positioning and backing ensured that McManaman's runs were largely diverted into cul-de-sacs. Only McAteer, wide on the right, made regular progress.

As a result Collymore and Fowler were starved of service. Neither disturbed Schmeichel's afternoon and only Collymore forced the Dane to make a save. Against Keane, Liverpool needed a greater physical presence in midfield than Barnes and Redknapp could provide. Yet Thomas only appeared once a goal had been conceded. Rush's farewell appearance was announced with 20 minutes remaining but the exhausted Barnes, not Collymore, should have gone off. Cole had left seven minutes earlier. His poor first touch had seen half-chances for United slip away during their early period of domination and his eventual replacement by Scholes was inevitable. Cole hardly looks the man to

strike fear into European defences next season. The goal followed a sloppy sequence of events which typified the game: a missed tackle by McManaman, a misplaced pass by Butt and a sliced clearance from Babb that gave United a corner on the right. As Beckham prepared to take the kick Cantona was hovering near the penalty spot. Then, as the ball came over, he becked off in anticipation. Previously James had caught everything, as well as keeping out an earlier far-post volley from Cantona. But now, in going for the corner, he was not quite all there. His punch lacked weight and simply dropped the ball to where Cantona was lurking in the arc.

Showing the same mastery of body control as when he gave hiskung-fu demonstration at Crystal Palace, the Frenchman volleyed a shot through a thicket of players and into the net. A few minutes later he completed his rehabilitation in football by receiving the Cup and a Duchess's congratulations. To the sub-species who spat on him as he was mounting the steps to the Royal Box Cantona offered nothing more than a withering look — which would have been a wiser response at Selhurst Park. Soccer's Manchester United Cantona (born Eric Robert Taylor; Liverpool: James, Goslin, Wright, Babb, McAteer, Redknapp, Barnes, Jones, Thomas, 85; McManaman, Collymore, Rush, 70; Fowler, Schmeichel, Schuster, May, Pallister, P Neville, Beckham, G Hovvitz, 80; Butt, Keane, Giggs, Cole, Redknapp, D Gallagher (Barbary).

Richard Williams, like millions of others, was disappointed with the final and blames Alex Ferguson's tactics.

THE capture of the historic double trophy by Manchester United's manager, Alex Ferguson, was tantamount to another historic triumph. Yet it was a small fraction of the heritage hype we can hardly help but share in a belief that the FA Cup belongs not merely to the winners but to all who take part in it, whether as players or spectators. It is the property of the English football public, and beyond even that is the FA's cherished notion that the competition holds a special place in the world game.

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above all must be aware that the club was the prize.

Even before Saturday's match, United knew that they were back in the European Cup next season. They had nothing to fear on that score.

The Cup final should have been an occasion for self-expression, a day to give a player such as Giggs the chance to display his skills for the general enjoyment.

Neither team should debate itself that Saturday's cautious tactics will do the job in Europe. Frank Clark's faith in "caginess" during Nottingham Forest's UEFA Cup saw his team through against Auxerre and Lyon, after being embarrassed by the strategy came apart against Bayern Munich.

To play the hand around at the back under no pressure, as both Liverpool and United did, is to misunderstand what Beckenbauer was doing 30 years ago, and what Baresi and Blind are doing today.

Liverpool's tactic of trying to release surrogate wingers on the touchlines is simply the English football in another guise. The message of the world game today is one of sophisticated attacking by players who can move forward as a unit, using angles to take opponents out with every pass.

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Soccer: The Play-offs

First Division: Charlton 1, Crystal Palace 2

Bassett's bark makes Palace bite

Russell Thomas

CRYSTAL PALACE, benefiting from a typically forthright Dave Bassett lecture at half-time, overcame acute early embarrassment at The Valley yesterday to lift the balance in their favour in this first London play-off.

single out his 6ft 6in central defender Andersen for the bludge that threatened to bludge Palace's day as early as the 55th second. It was a mile take on a scale to match the size of the Norwegian.



Armed rivals... Rufus of Charlton, left, and Palace's Ndah in mid-air combat at The Valley

Leicester City 0, Stoke City 0

Poole harbours hope

Michael Walker

POOLE is not often mentioned in dispatches from Filbert Street but an incident in the fifth minute yesterday brought him to mind.

chances to at the Victoria Ground on Wednesday. Stoke will start as favourites then, but Leicester's record away is better than at home.

Second Division: Bradford City 0, Blackpool 2

Seasiders swim with tide

Ian Ross

TURBID limbs and tired minds reduced to a moribund spectacle this first-leg meeting of two clubs aspiring to lock horns with the First Division's finest came August. Sadly, it was a mirror image of so many other play-off semi-finals: a dull and fractious affair stripped bare of all niceties.

chairman Geoffrey Richmond has hinted he has money to spend. Blackpool are similarly optimistic about the future, even if it was with some reluctance, and a little regret, that they took their place in yesterday's game.

rough and tumble, and Blackpool were the better side by a Golden Mile. But though dominating Bradford was easy, underlining an obvious supremacy by way of goals proved more difficult.

The goals that should carry the Seasiders to Wembley came late. Tony Ellis drilled in smartly after 72 minutes and Mark Bonner headed in Andy Watson's marvellous cross with calm authority six minutes later.

Daily late finish rescues United

DUNDEE UNITED'S chances of a return to the Scottish Premier Division dramatically improved when Christian Daily scored an equaliser in the 86th minute of their dramatic Thursday play-off against Partick Thistle at Firhill.

Weekend results

Soccer FA Cup Final Liverpool (0) 0, Manchester United (1) 1

League Division One: Manchester United 1, Liverpool 0; Arsenal 1, Tottenham 1; Chelsea 1, Manchester City 1.

League Division Two: Ipswich Town 1, Barnsley 0; Millwall 1, Peterborough United 1; Notts County 1, Lincoln City 1.

League Division Three: Exeter City 1, Northampton Town 1; Mansfield Town 1, Grimsby Town 1; Luton Town 1, Rochdale 1.

League Division Four: Wrexham 1, Colwyn Bay 1; Connah's Quay 1, Bangor City 1; Bala Town 1, Caerphilly 1.

Sport in brief

McRae crashes out of Indonesia Rally

THE world champion Colin McRae crashed out of the latter stages of the rain-hit Indonesia Rally yesterday when leading the three-day event comfortably by three minutes.

Doohan handed Jerez victory

MICHAEL DOOHAN, Australia's 500cc world champion, won motorcycle's Spanish Grand Prix in Jerez yesterday after Alex Criville crashed when leading into the final bend.

Motorola pulls plug on cycling

THE electronics company Motorola is to pull out of cycling sponsorship at the end of the season. Team Motorola are led by the American former world champion Lance Armstrong, who went into yesterday's final stage of the Tour Du Pont with a clear lead.

World Bowl for Murrayfield

THE Scottish Claymores will be the home team in this summer's World League of American Football game after holding Frankfurt Galaxy pointless in the Galaxy's first defeat of the season, beating them 20-0 in front of 32,000 German fans at the Walsdorfstadion on Saturday.

FA goes formal for Gorman

THE FA's chief executive Graham Kelly has formally approached Bristol City for the release of their assistant manager John Gorman so that he can join the England coaching set-up under Glenn Hoddle.

Stockdale believes in Santa's

TIM STOCKDALE and Toggi Santa's Echo continued their winning run yesterday when they took the Barbour Grand Prix in decisive style at the Royal Windsor Horse Show, leaving John Kerr.

Davies plays to the gallery

THE former real tennis world champion Wayne Davies beat his fellow Australian Paul Tabbly 6-2, 6-1 in the final of the BNB Resources British Professional Championship at Holyport near Maidenhead yesterday.

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Sports Guardian

Christie wins but will not be drawn on Olympics

Duncan Mackay

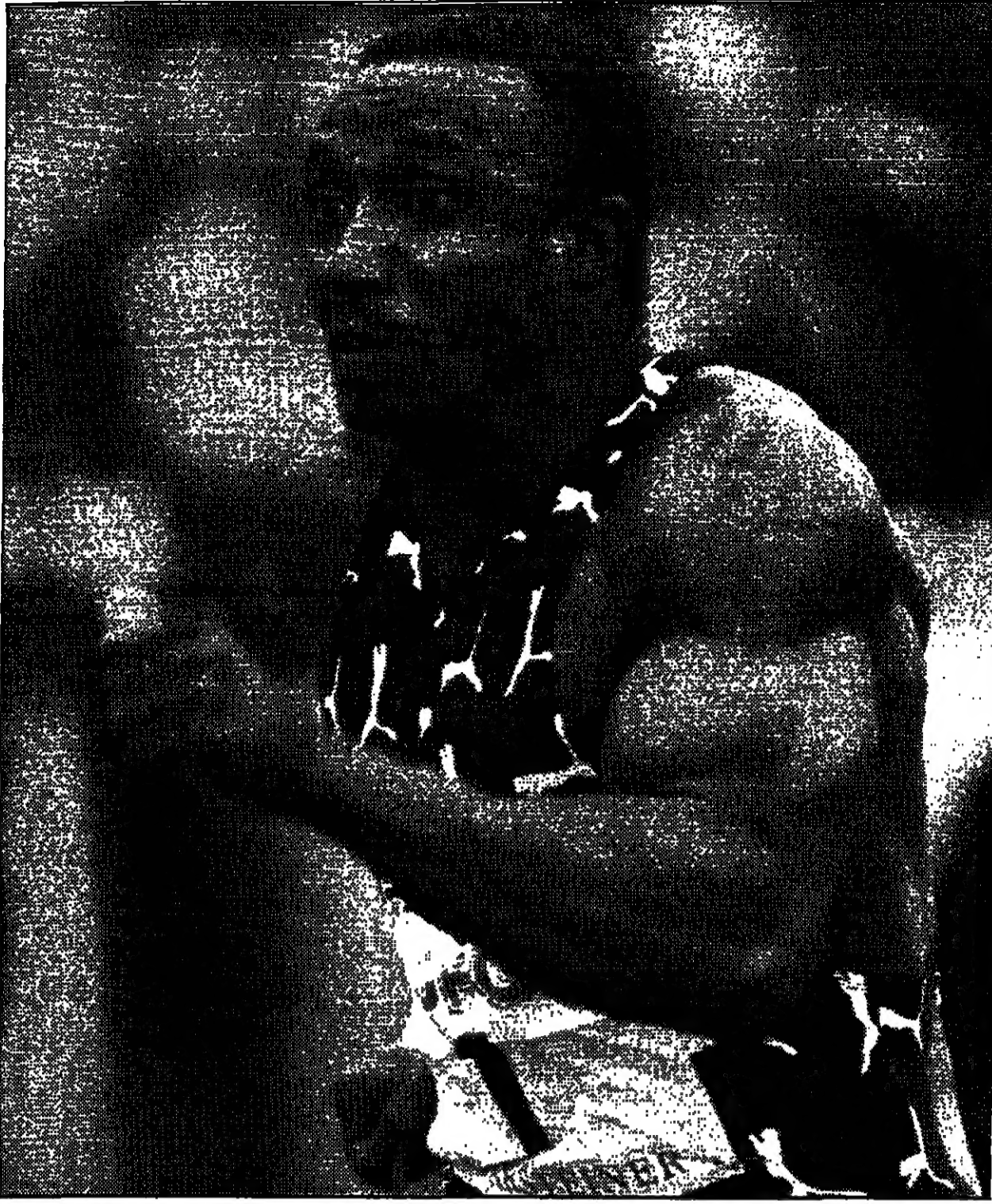
LINCOLN CHRISTIE made a highly encouraging start to what he says will be his last season when, on a dank afternoon before a handful of spectators in a small stadium in Arnsberg, Germany yesterday, he won the 100 metres in 10.20sec. But he refused to end the speculation about whether he will be on the start line in Atlanta 75 days hence to defend his Olympic title.

After leaving a field that included the European indoor 60 metres champion, Marc Bime of Germany, and the improving Belgian Patrick Stevens trailing with a powerful last 50 metres, Christie made it clear he had no intention of making his plans public for a while yet. "No Olympic questions" were his first words as he walked into the post-race press conference.

"I am running one race at a time. Only God knows the future; I don't. I am just having fun at the moment. If I go to the Olympics you'll see me. But you won't see me next season; this is definitely my last year."

Nearly 12 months have passed since Christie wept on television and declared that the pressure was too much for him and he would not defend his Olympic crown. But he has trained with the same commitment as for the past decade.

"They have all been asking, 'Is Linford going?'" said Christie. "I leave them to it. I don't need the pressure. If I go to the Games, there is nothing to prove. I've done it before. I've won everything there is to win."



Muscle machine... 'No Olympic questions' said Christie after yesterday's 100 metres win. PHOTOGRAPH: JØRGEN SCHWARZ

Yet it is hard to believe someone as competitive as he would be content with a valedictory tour round the Grand Prix circuit knowing that, despite turning 36 last

month, he is still capable of aspiring to the title of the world's fastest man. He is unlikely, though, to commit himself before next month's Olympic trials in

Birmingham, by which time he should have had the opportunity to measure himself against some of his rivals and have a clearer idea of what his chances

would be in Atlanta. Many of those rivals have already shown some sharp early-season form. Donovan Bailey ran 10.07sec in Rio recently; Frankie Fredericks ran an effortless 10.09 in Osaka on Saturday; Carl Lewis is in his best shape since he beat Christie for the world title in Tokyo five years ago.

But before anyone is tempted to suggest that Christie is already off the pace, it would be wise to remember that his time in Arnsberg was faster than the 10.26sec he ran at the start of his Olympic-winning year in 1992 and the 10.26 in his first race in 1993, the season he won the world title in Stuttgart and set his European record of 9.97. "It was not too bad for a first race," said Christie, who was paid \$27,000 (£18,000) to run yesterday.

Bates blows Chelsea pact

Martin Thorpe

THE peace pact between the Chelsea chairman Ken Bates and the club's millionaire director Matthew Harding has come apart. Harding had promised to put £10 million into team building but, only a week after losing Glenn Hoddie, Bates is expected today to freeze out Harding by formally withdrawing the offer of a partnership in the club.

This would have seen the young pretender made vice-chairman, and chairman of the committee to oversee playing affairs and transfers, and would have given him equal shares with Bates in Chelsea.

It is understood that Bates has lined up alternative sources of finance. This means that the new player-manager Rudi Gillig can continue to try to realise the club's aim of turning the Chelsea team into a force to be reckoned with. He plans to sign top international players; Vialli and Klinsmann are among those mentioned. It is almost certain to restart the public row between Harding, the darling of many supporters, and Bates, the respected but prickly chairman.

Bates's decision is under-



Harding... frozen out

stood to have been prompted by his growing impatience with Harding's delay in signing the partnership agreement. The deadline was April 30, but an extension was agreed. But the final straw is thought to have come on Friday, when Harding made more demands.

Harding says he has delayed signing because Bates will not furnish him with the information he needs about who actually owns Chelsea Village, the company that owns the club. Bates owns only about a third of its shares; ownership of much of the rest has never been publicly revealed.

And so we have the latest round in a highly public spat

between Bates and Harding which began last year and culminated in Bates banning Harding from the directors' box in November. The pair then appeared to make up and put forward their partnership plan, which included Chelsea being floated on the Alternative Investment Market.

Harding's financial commitment to the club he has supported for most of his 42 years is not as substantial as it appears. Although he did agree last year to take over the £16.5 million bank loan on Stamford Bridge, it is understood he is charging Chelsea £250,000 a year rent. Part of the aborted agreement with Bates would have seen him transfer the ground to Chelsea in return for equal shares with Bates in the club.

The £5 million that Harding paid for the north stand is a loan. However, it does not have to be repaid until 2008. However, the £5 million that Harding has put into the transfer account is thought to be in bank guarantees only, and can be withdrawn at 30 days' notice. If he decided to call in the loan, Chelsea would have to sell players, which would do nothing for his reputation with the supporters.

It also understood that the money Harding promised for players had strings attached.

FA investigates crowd incidents that cast shadow over European Championship

Martin Thorpe on the ticket chaos and abusive fan problems at the Cup final

CAS, GAs, stolen tickets, wrongly ejected supporters, crowd abuse: Saturday's FA Cup final was a perfect dress rehearsal for many of the problems that will face the European Championship this summer.

The FA chief executive Graham Kelly has already ordered an investigation into the incidents in which Eric Cantona was spat at and a punch was thrown at Alex Ferguson as the pair climbed the steps to Wembley's Royal Box to lift the Cup. "We are very concerned with the situation," said Kelly, "and we will be reviewing this matter urgently with Wembley."

According to the Wembley spokesman Martin Corrie, the likely Cup final solution will see the two areas either side of the steps to the Royal Box given over to neutral supporters rather than fans of the competing sides. For England internationals these are already family areas.

Liverpool fans on the side where the Cantona incident took place were near enough to have earlier abused United's substituted striker Andy Cole and thrown objects at him as he sat on the bench. Then as Cantona climbed the steps, one fan spat what appeared to be a mouthful of orange juice at the Frenchman, who reacted calmly and continued on.

The culprit was not apprehended but Supt Roy Muspratt of Liverpool police said yesterday that "if the Met Police send a video of the incident we will endeavour to identify the person and arrest him". Altogether there were 73 arrests at the game, including two for carrying CS gas, small canisters of which are on open sale on the Continent. An Italian-style red flare was also let off at the United end. Security checks on Saturday led to delays in supporters entering the ground but caught about 100 tickets that

had been stolen in Liverpool. Unfortunately they had been sold as part of a package to a group of people in South Africa, who had travelled over at up to £3,000 each only to find themselves refused entry.

Another 33 Liverpool supporters were ejected before the game because it was thought they held stolen tickets. But it was later discovered that their tickets were genuine and that a stolen-ticket list provided by Liverpool FC was wrong. "We are extremely embarrassed and greatly sympathetic with these people at missing the game," said Corrie, "but we could only work to the lists, and these came from Liverpool." Given the recent row over the authenticity of some 10,000 Euro 96 tickets, could this be a portent for the summer? Alex Ferguson wants a six-year contract and Manchester United appear willing to grant it to him. "We're very happy to give him a new contract," said the chairman Martin Edwards, "I hope he stays as long as he wants to."

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- The way article can be placed in between without delay (9)
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- Trees may be clipped (5)
- Animals in a nature reserve look a picture of health (5)
- Chest set up as agreed (9)
- The squeeze that restricts one personally (7)

Down

- Cut tax on a large number (7)
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